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The Story So Far

Konatsu transfers to Nanahama High School from the city and meets Koyuki, the only member of the Aquarium Club. The two girls naturally take a liking to each other because they're both lonely, so Konatsu ends up joining the club. They're unable to be open with each other about their feelings, however, and a distance grows between them. Then Konatsu sees her classmate Kaede walking with Koyuki and having a great time...

Characters



Konatsu Amano

A first-year transfer student. She has trouble adapting to her new surroundings until she decides to join her new friend Koyuki in the Aquarium Club.



Koyuki Honami

Head of the Aquarium Club. Everyone puts her on a pedestal, and she tries to satisfy their expectations even though she finds them suffocating and feels lonely.



Kaede Hirose

Konatsu's classmate. Due to her perky personality, she has many friends and doesn't hesitate to extend a hearty welcome to Konatsu.

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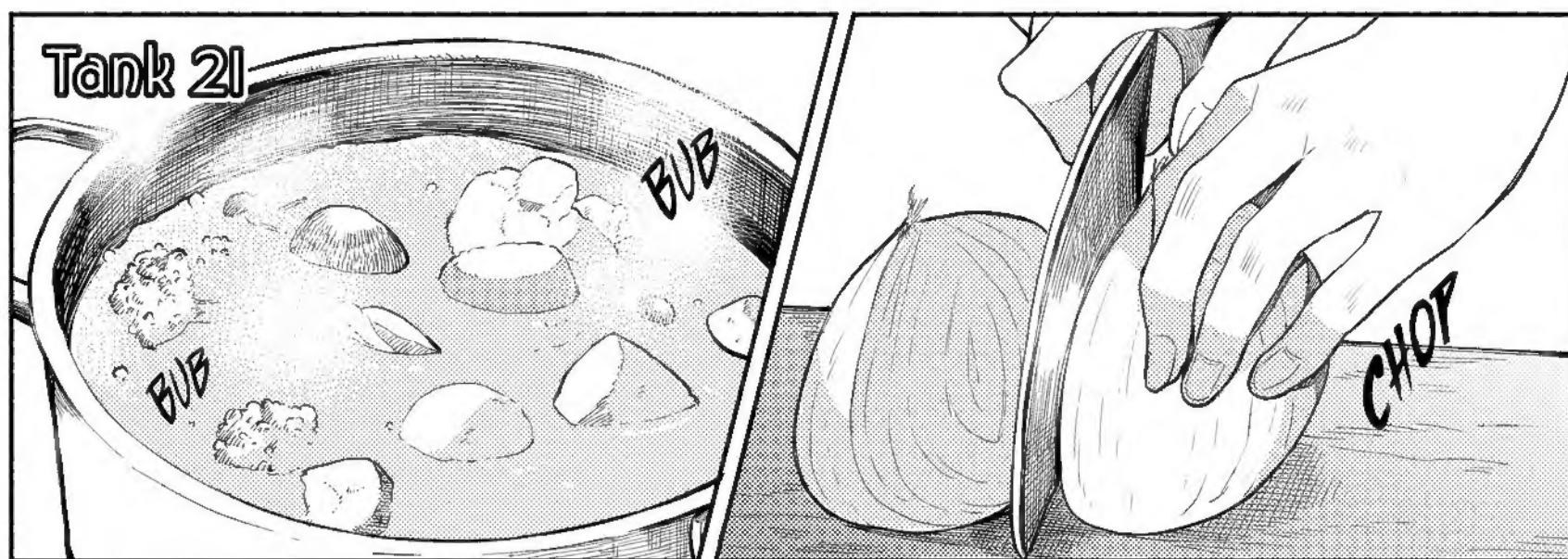
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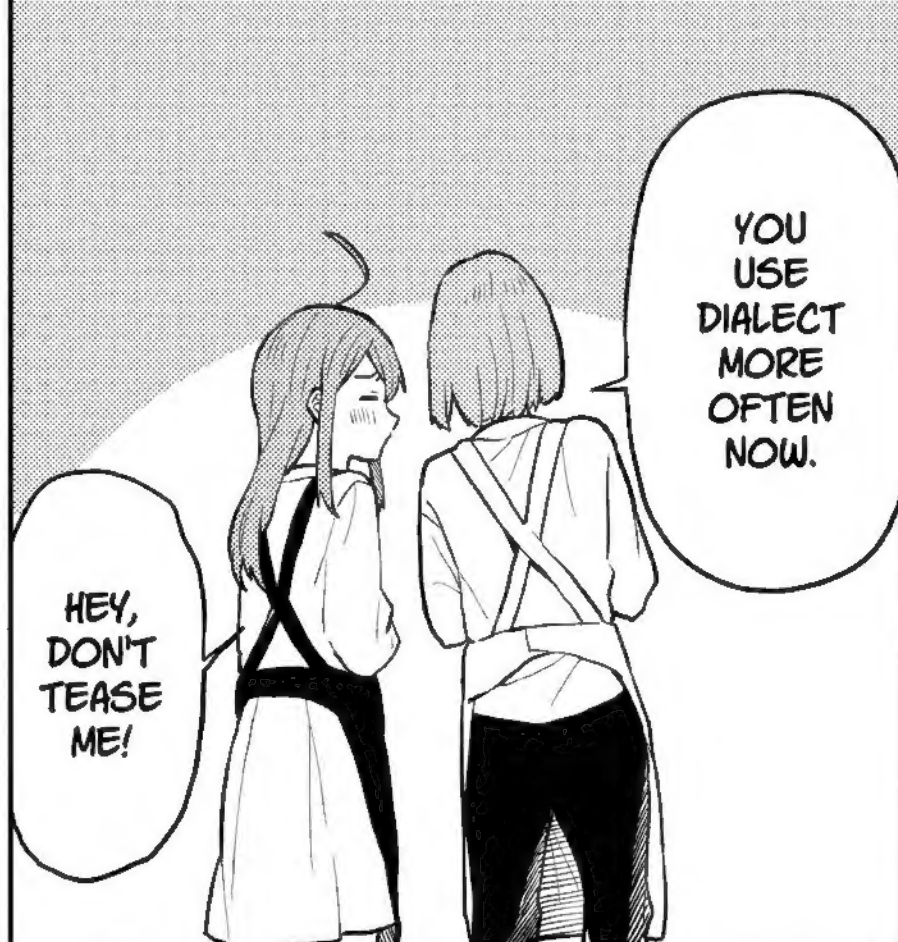
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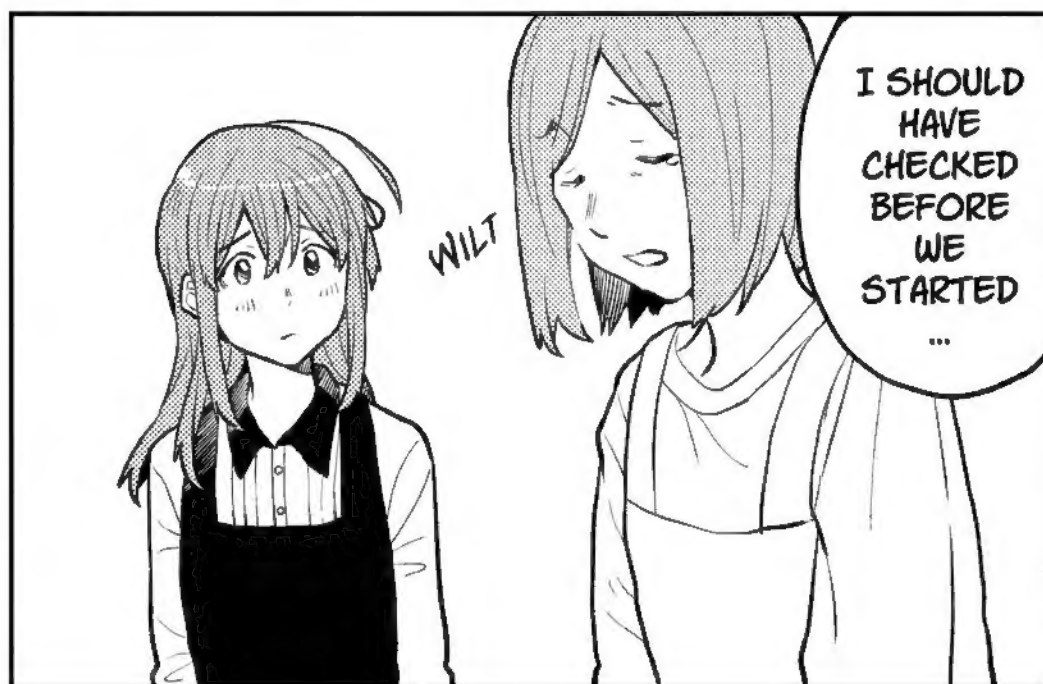
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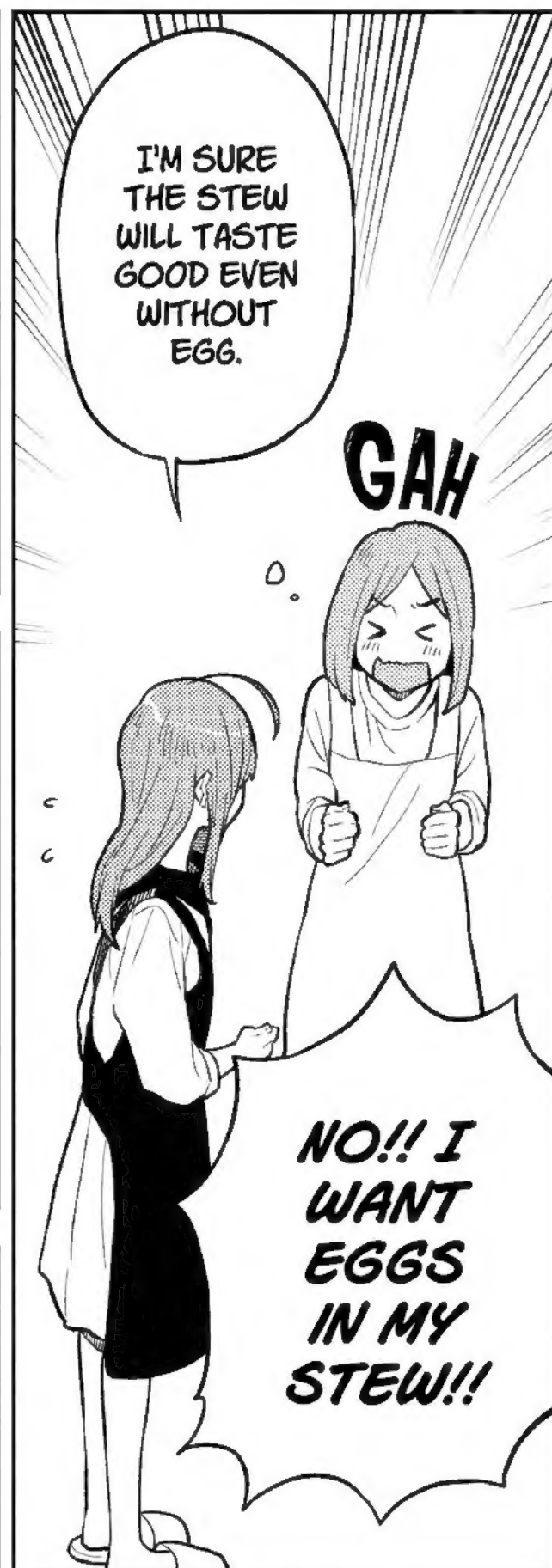


I'M
OUT
OF
EGGS!



I SHOULD
HAVE
CHECKED
BEFORE
WE
STARTED
...

WILT



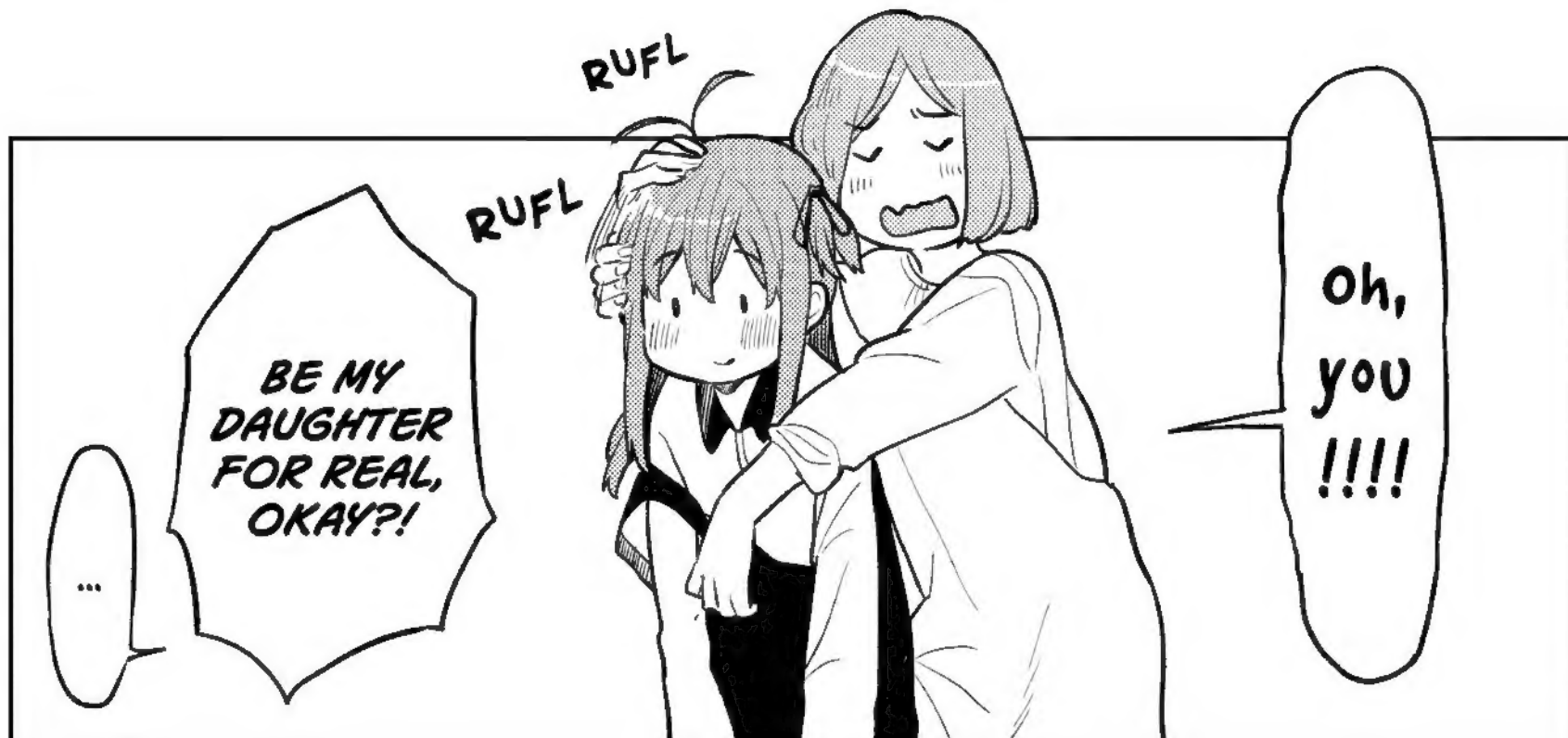
I'M SURE
THE STEW
WILL TASTE
GOOD EVEN
WITHOUT
EGG.

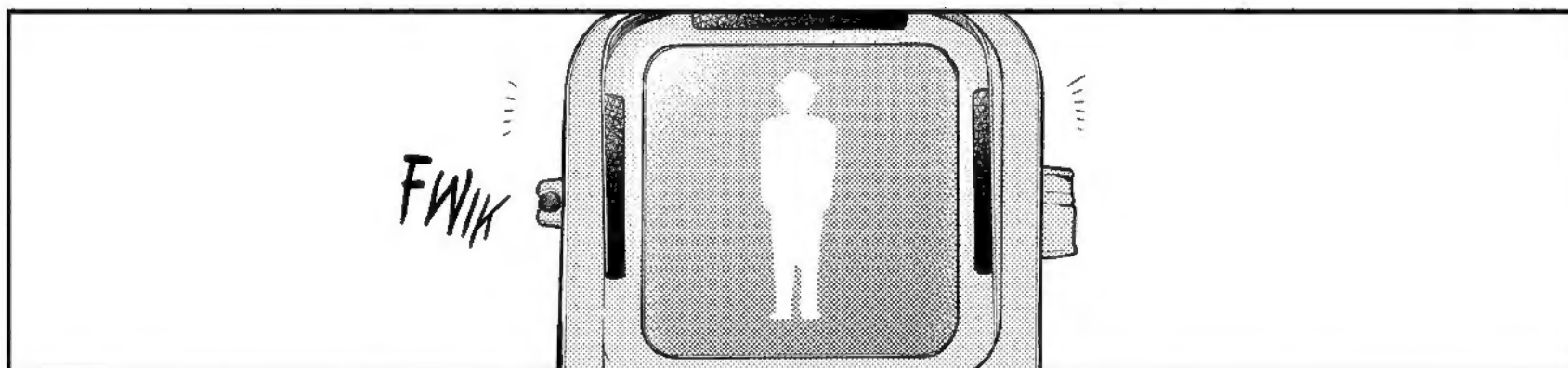
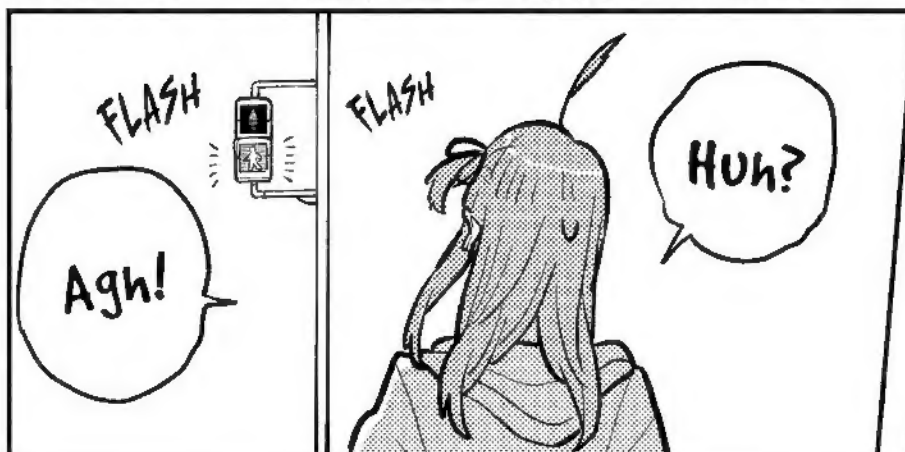
GAH

**NO!! I
WANT
EGGS
IN MY
STEW!!**



I'LL
GO
BUY
SOME.
WAIT
TEN
MINUTES.











Hmm?

Have
they
always
been
that
close?









...run-
ning
away?

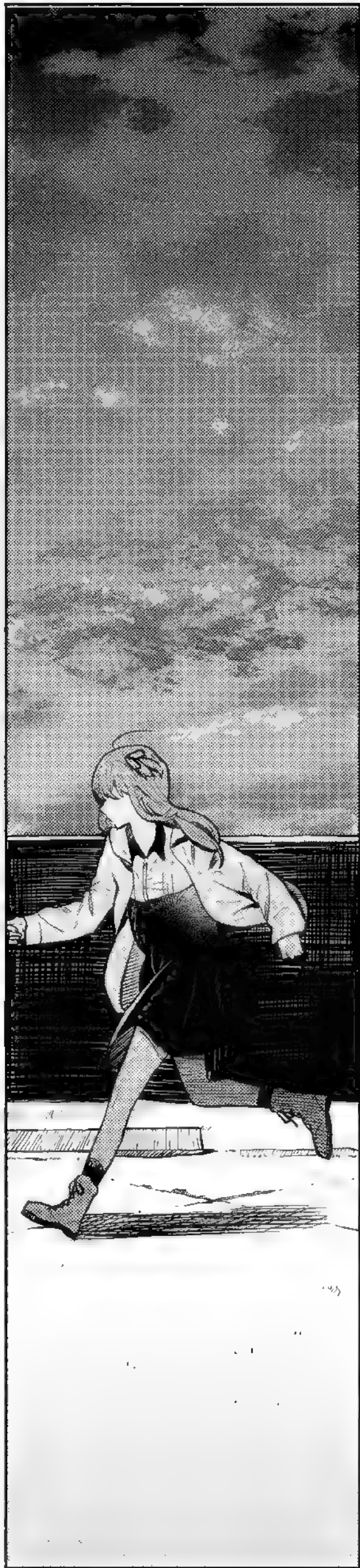
Why
am
I...



...and
they live
near each
other...

They're
both
from
around
here...

...so of
COURSE
they're
close.



...IF
THEY'VE
ALWAYS
BEEN
FRIENDS,
HONAMI
WOULDN'T
HAVE BEEN
ALONE
WHEN
I MET
HER.

BUT...



That
should
be a
good
thing.

After all,
when I
first met
Honami...



...she
was
trapped
inside
herself.



So
I'm
happy
about
this.



SO IT'S
A RECENT
DEVEL-
OPMENT.





Or rather,
I should
be, but...





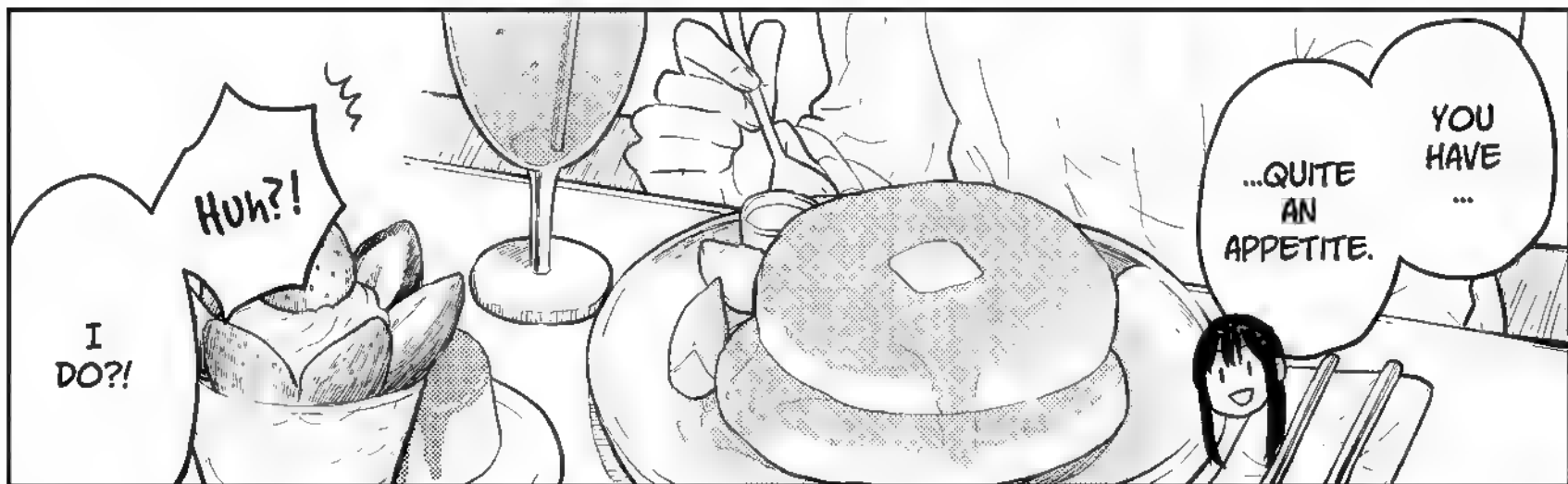


THEN
ENJOY
YOUR
MEAL!



IS
THAT
EVERY-
THING?

Yes!!



Huh?!

I
DO?!

...QUITE
AN
APPETITE.

YOU
HAVE
...



Agh!

DON'T
WORRY!
YOU CAN
COME
ANYTIME!

SCOOOP



IT'S
MY
FIRST
TIME
HERE...

...AND
EVERY-
THING
LOOKED
SO
GOOD.



THE THREE
OF US
SHOULD
COME
SOMETIME!

TOO BAD
KONATSU
COULDN'T
COME.





...I THINK
YOU'VE
GOT IT ALL
WRONG.

WHAT
I'M
TRYING
TO SAY
IS...



NO,
MAYBE
I STOLE
YOU
FROM
HER!



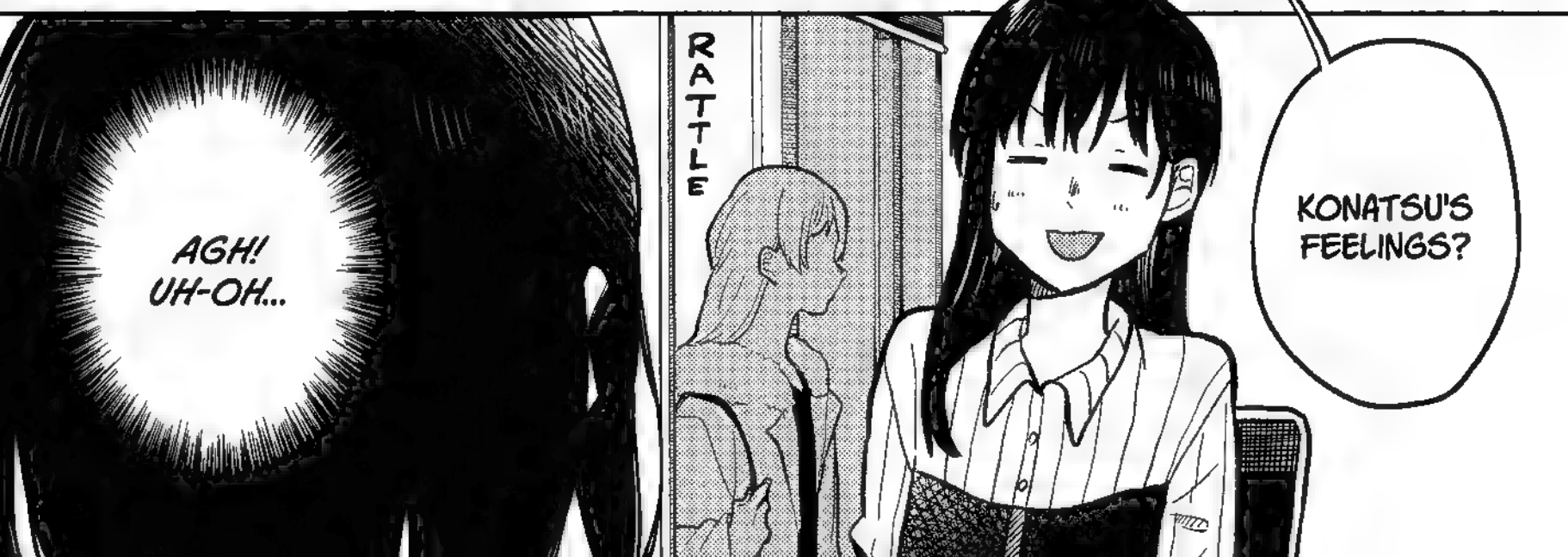
IS SHE
SERIOUS
?!

Awww!



...AT
CONSIDERING
KONATSU'S
FEELINGS.

YOU
NEED
TO GET
BETTER
...

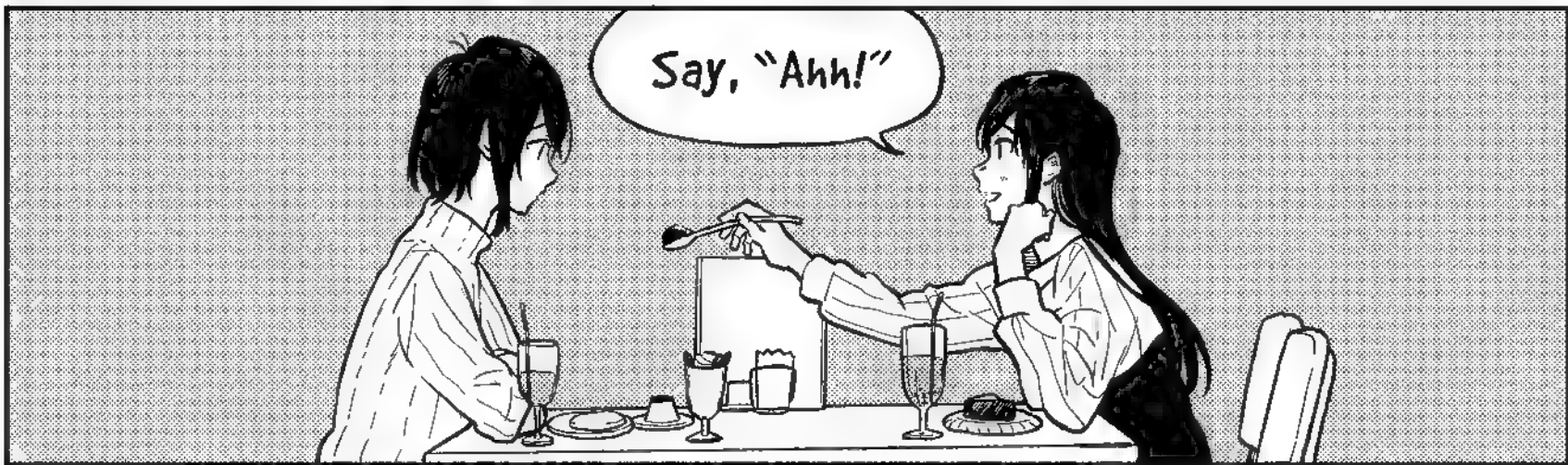


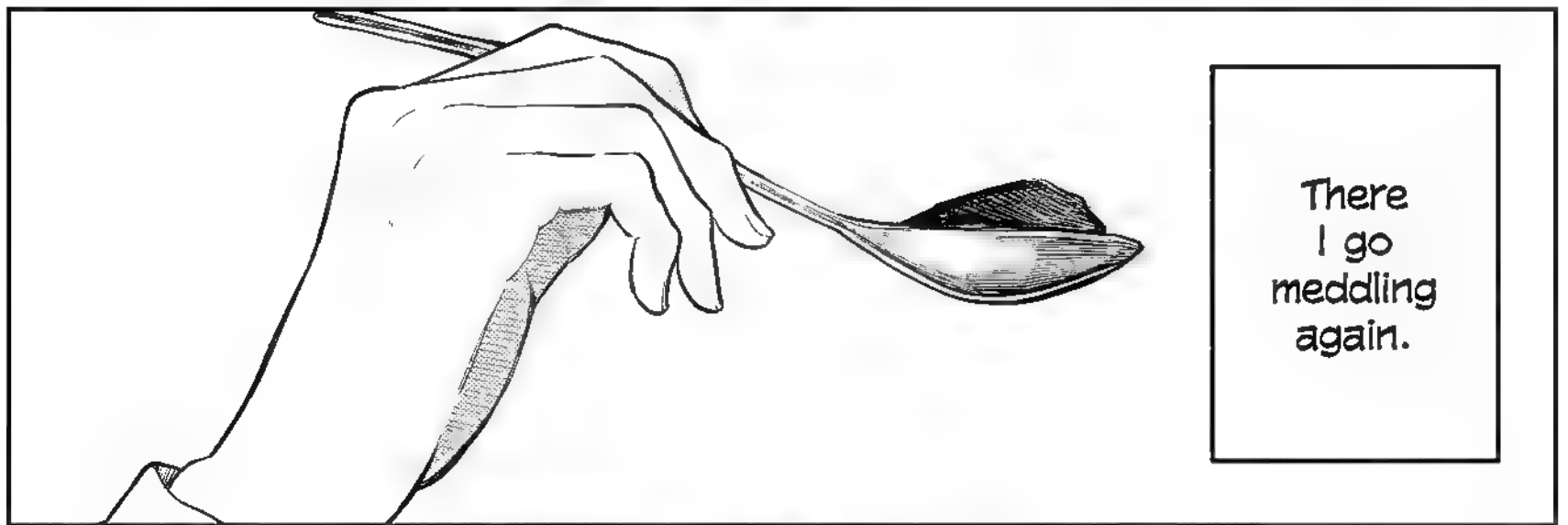
AGH!
UH-OH...

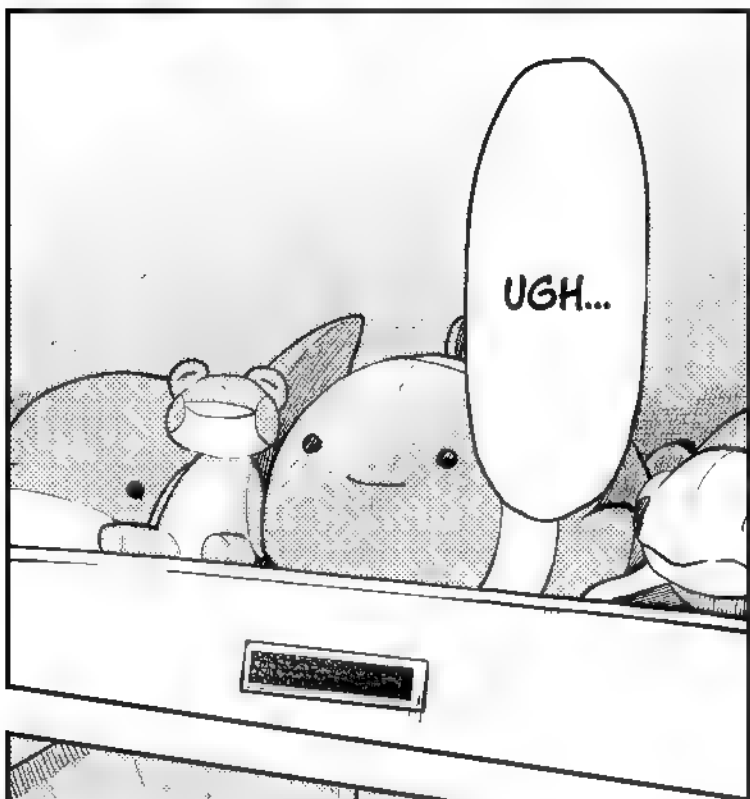
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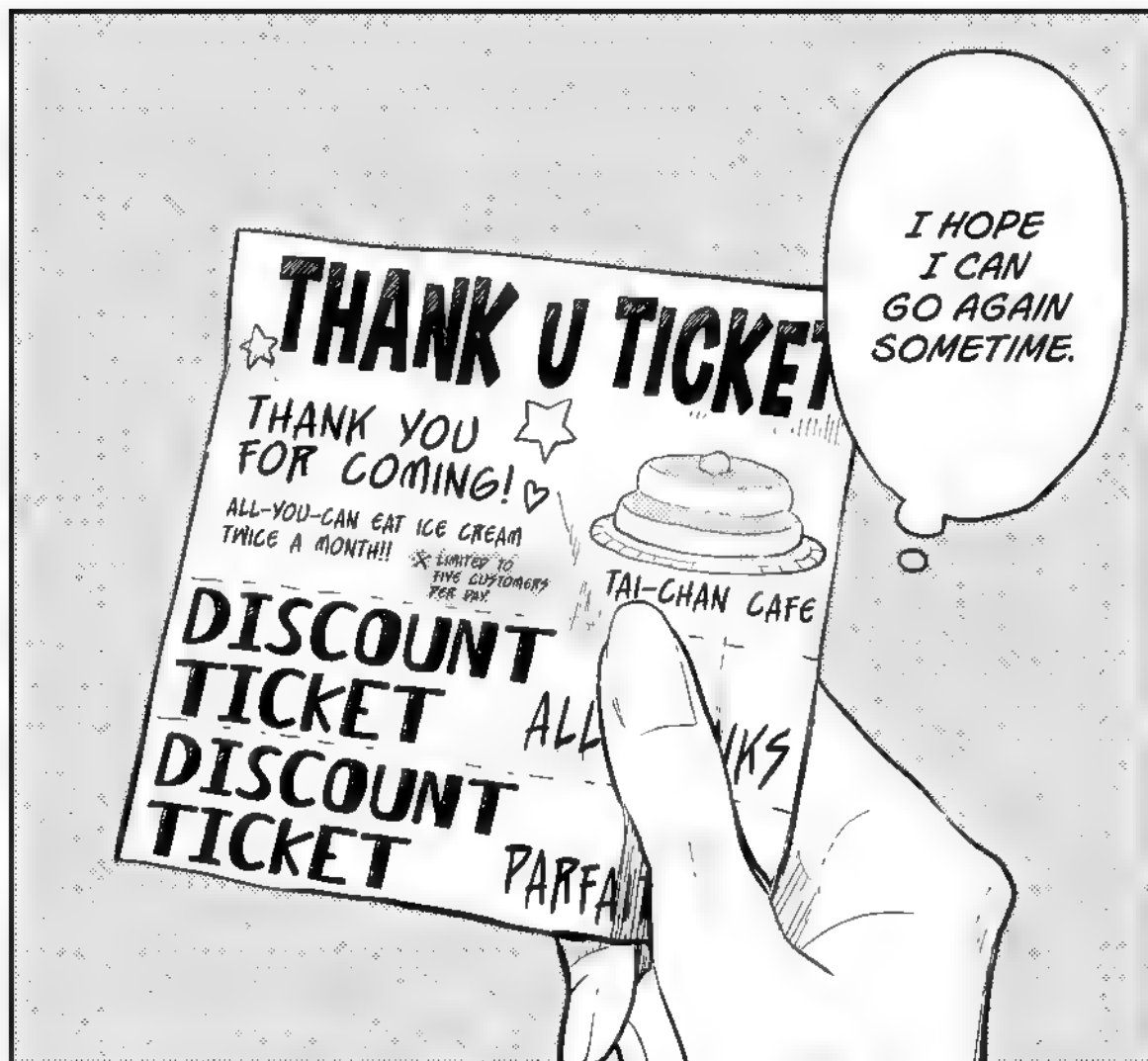
KONATSU'S
FEELINGS?







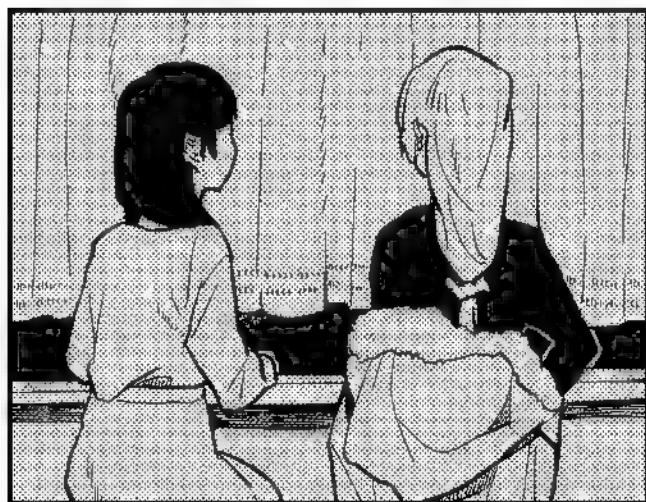


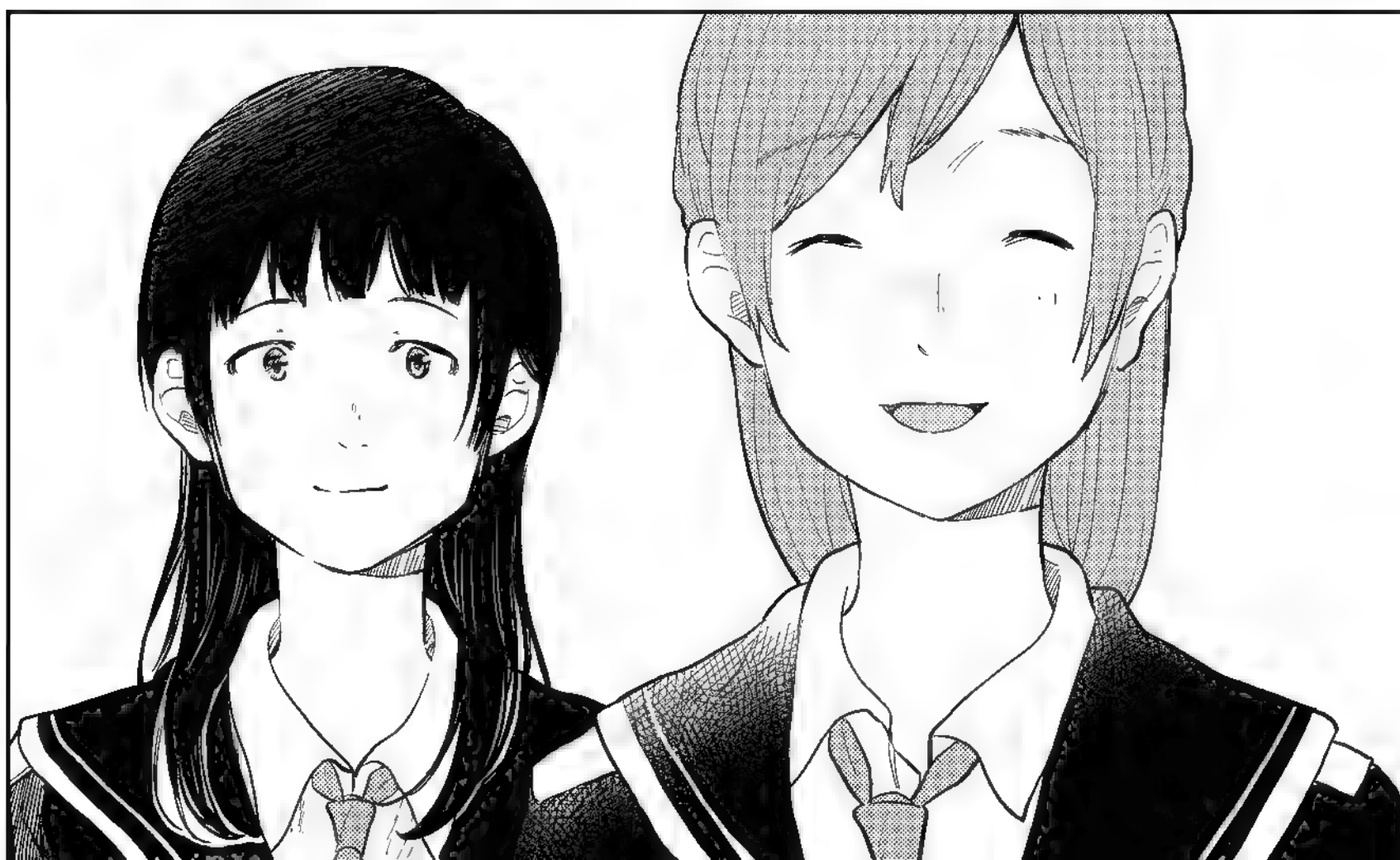
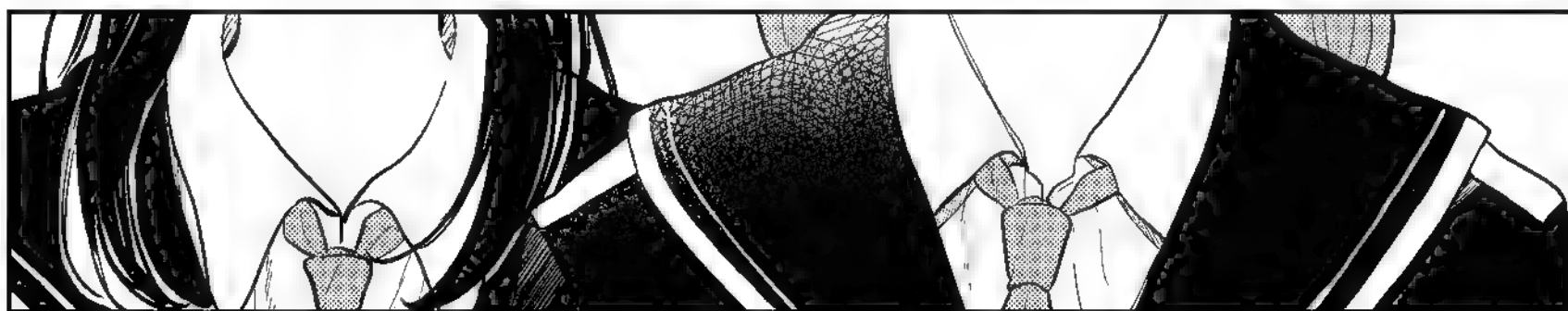


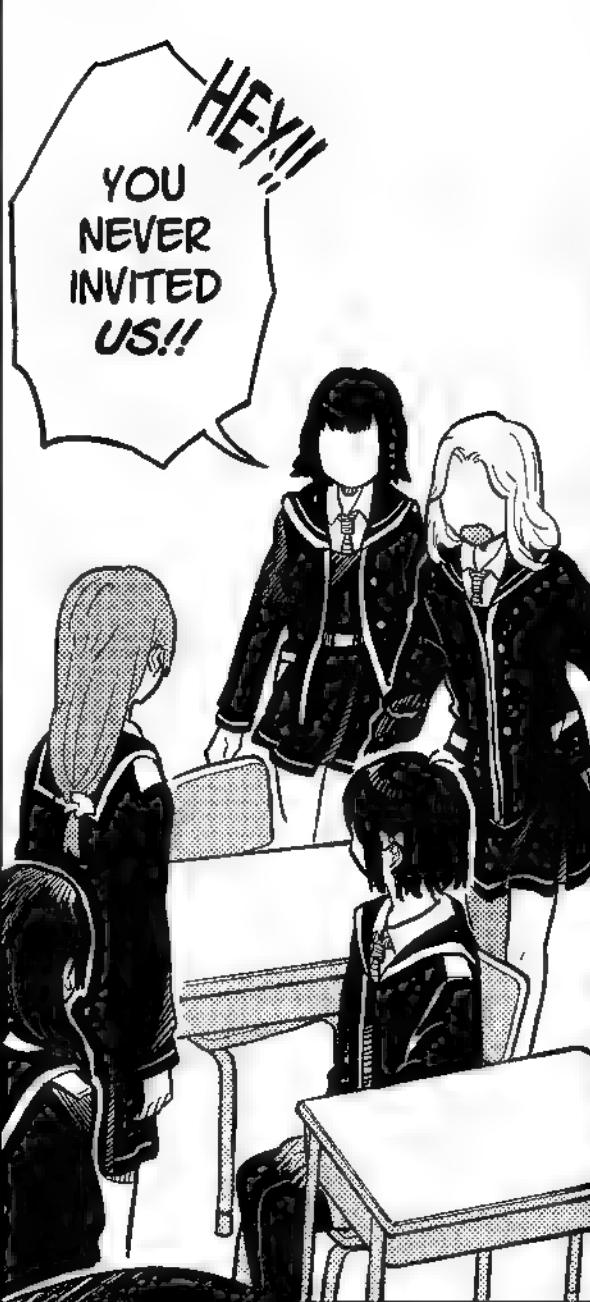


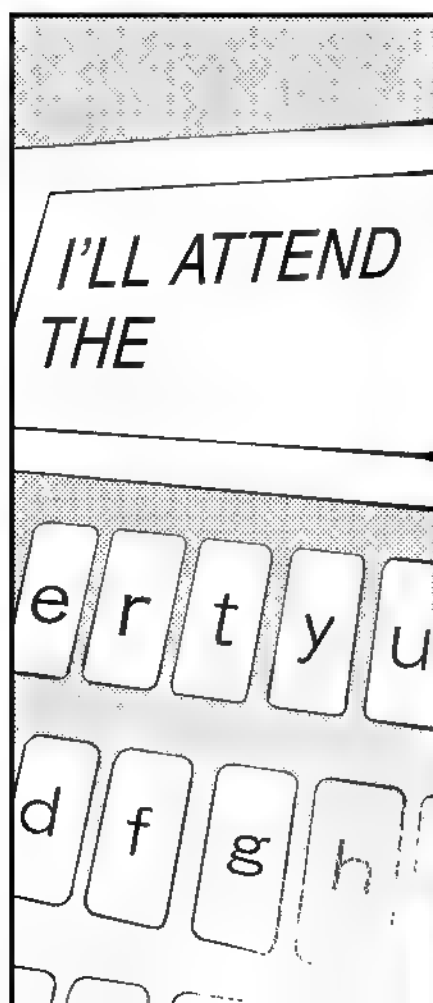
"KONATSU'S
FEELINGS?"







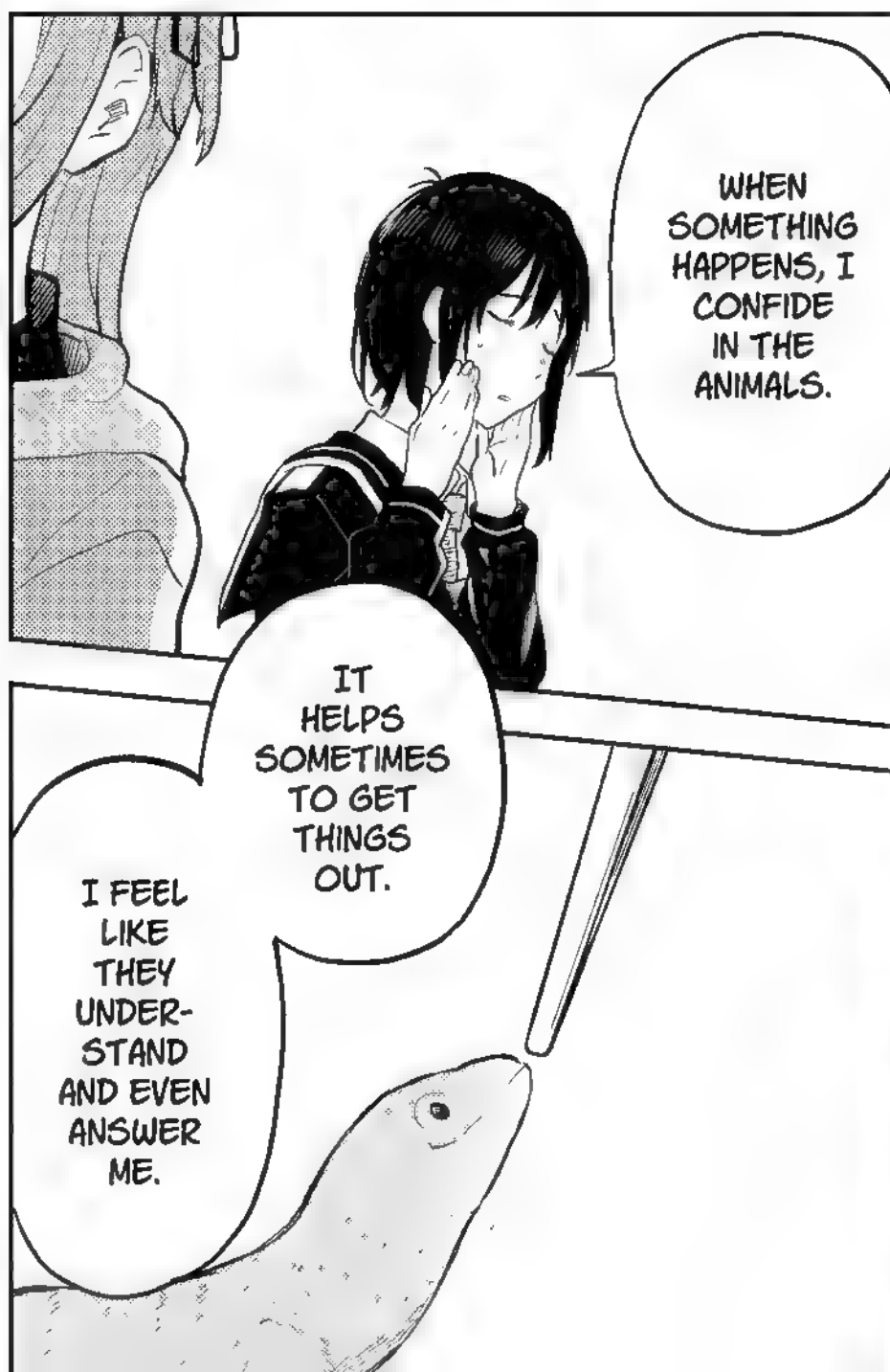














But...

...she
could
just
confide
in *me*.



SHE
SAID
SOME-
THING
LIKE THAT
ONCE
BEFORE...



...



BUT
IF YOU
WANT
TO...

...THEN
YOU
SHOULDN'T
BE
AFRAID
TO.



WELL, YOU
SHOULDN'T
FORCE
YOURSELF
TO GO.

...





A lot is
going to
change
from
now on.





But...

...I
enjoyed
being
the only
one...



That's
something
to be
happy
about.



...to
accept
her as
she is.

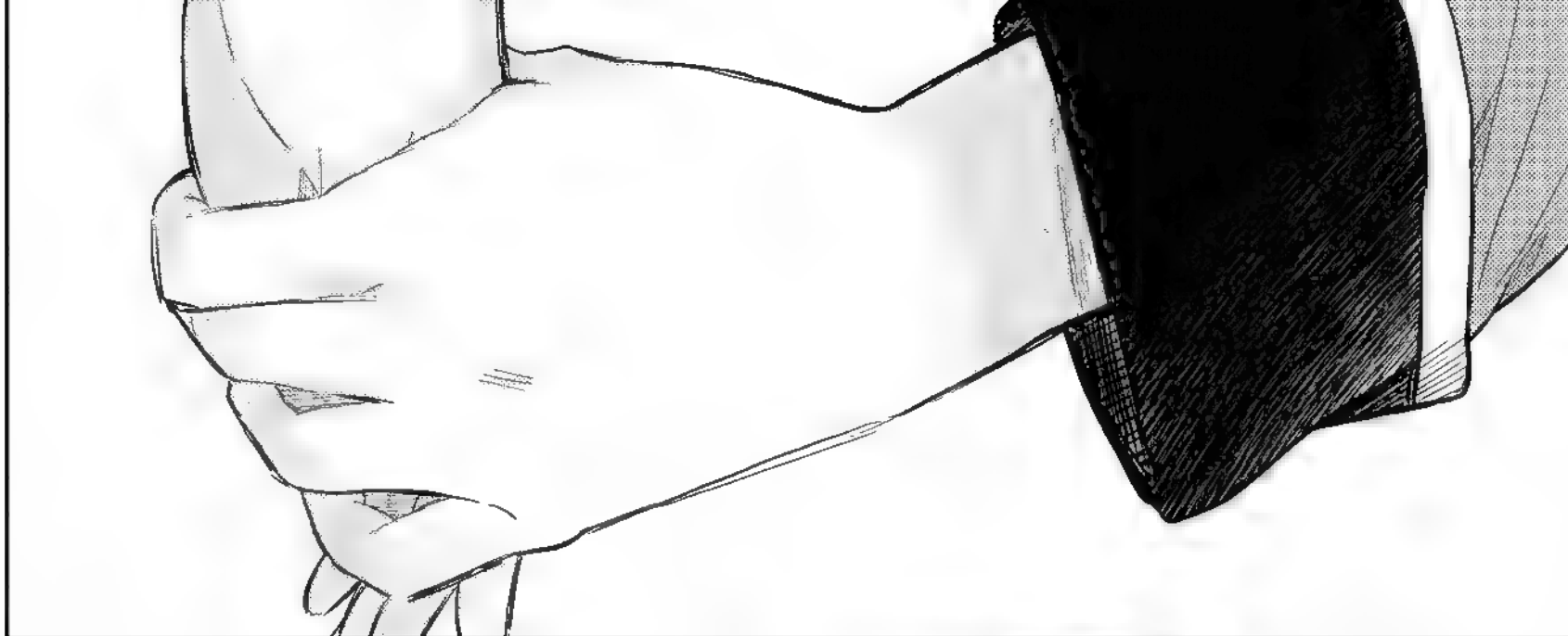


HUFF

KONATSCU..



**I'M
INFUSING
YOU
WITH
COURAGE
!!!**



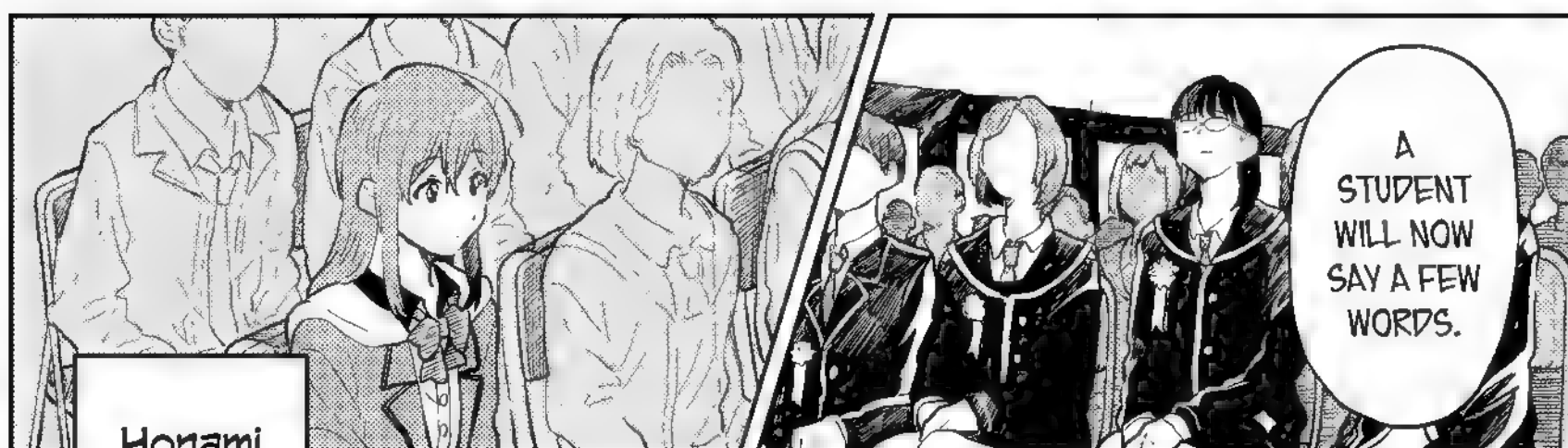
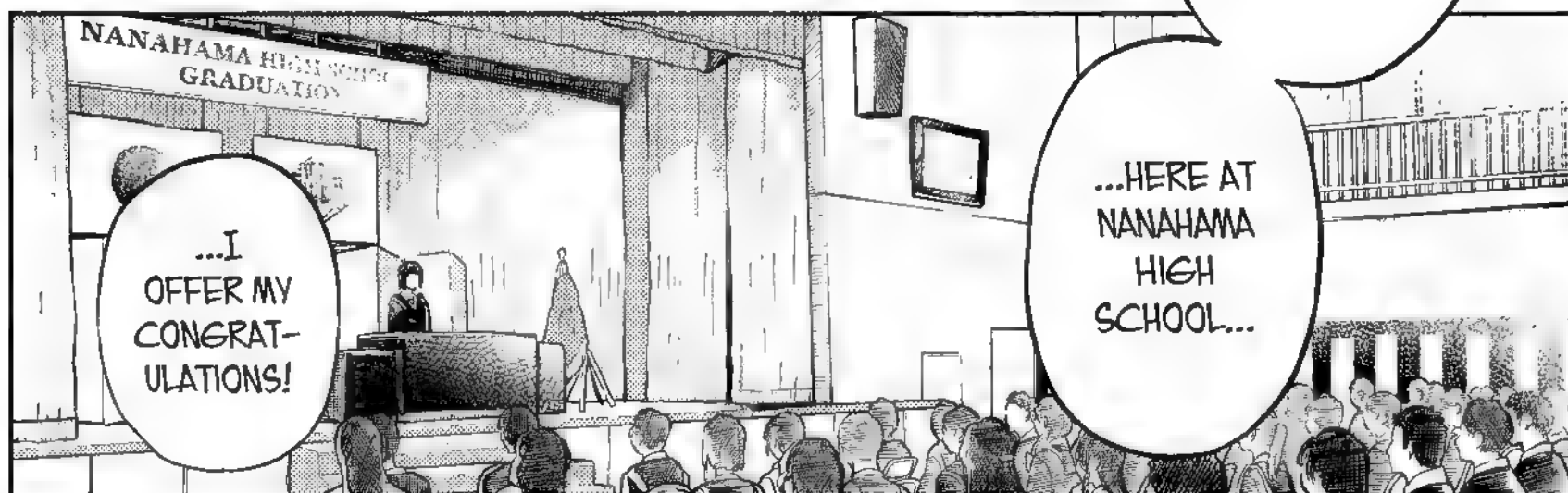


Don't
ever
change.



Is it
wrong
to wish
that?

Tank 21:
Konatsu Amano Was Sad





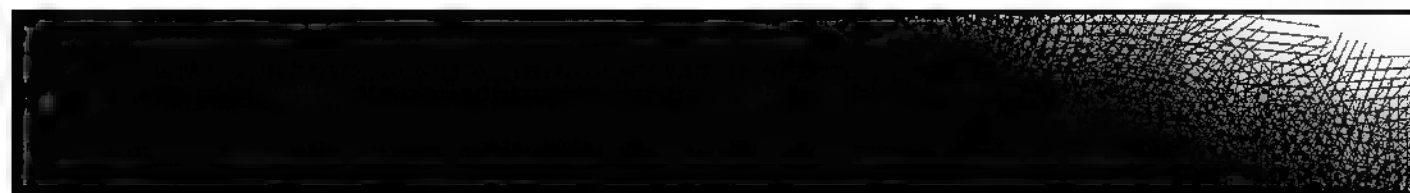


None-
theless...



...that
she
hasn't
completely
changed.

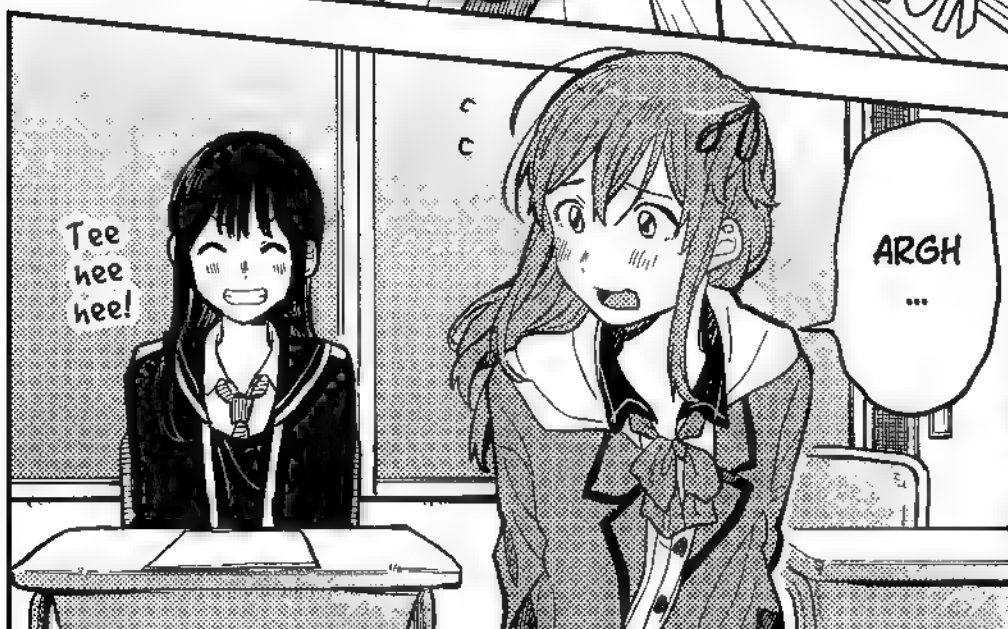
...I'm
relieved
...



YES?

HIROSE!

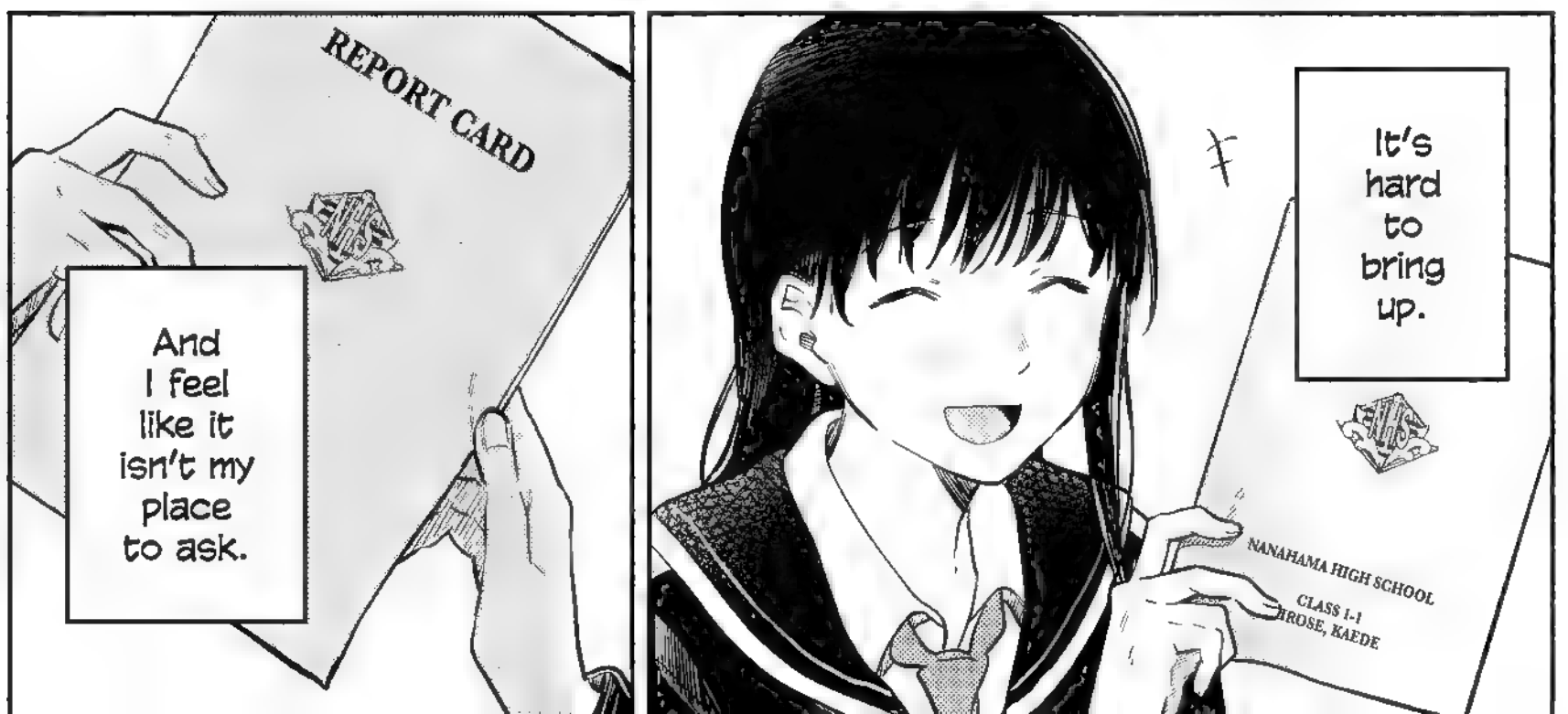






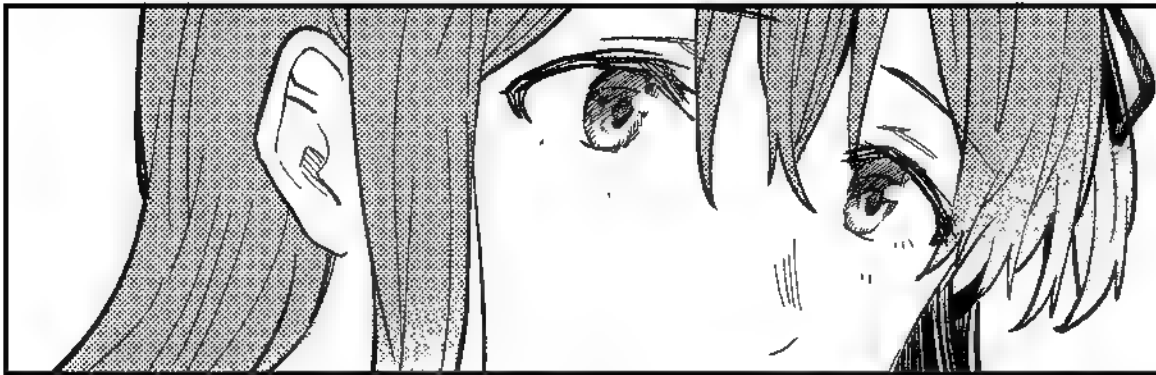
...spoken
to
Kaede
about
that
day.

I
haven't
...



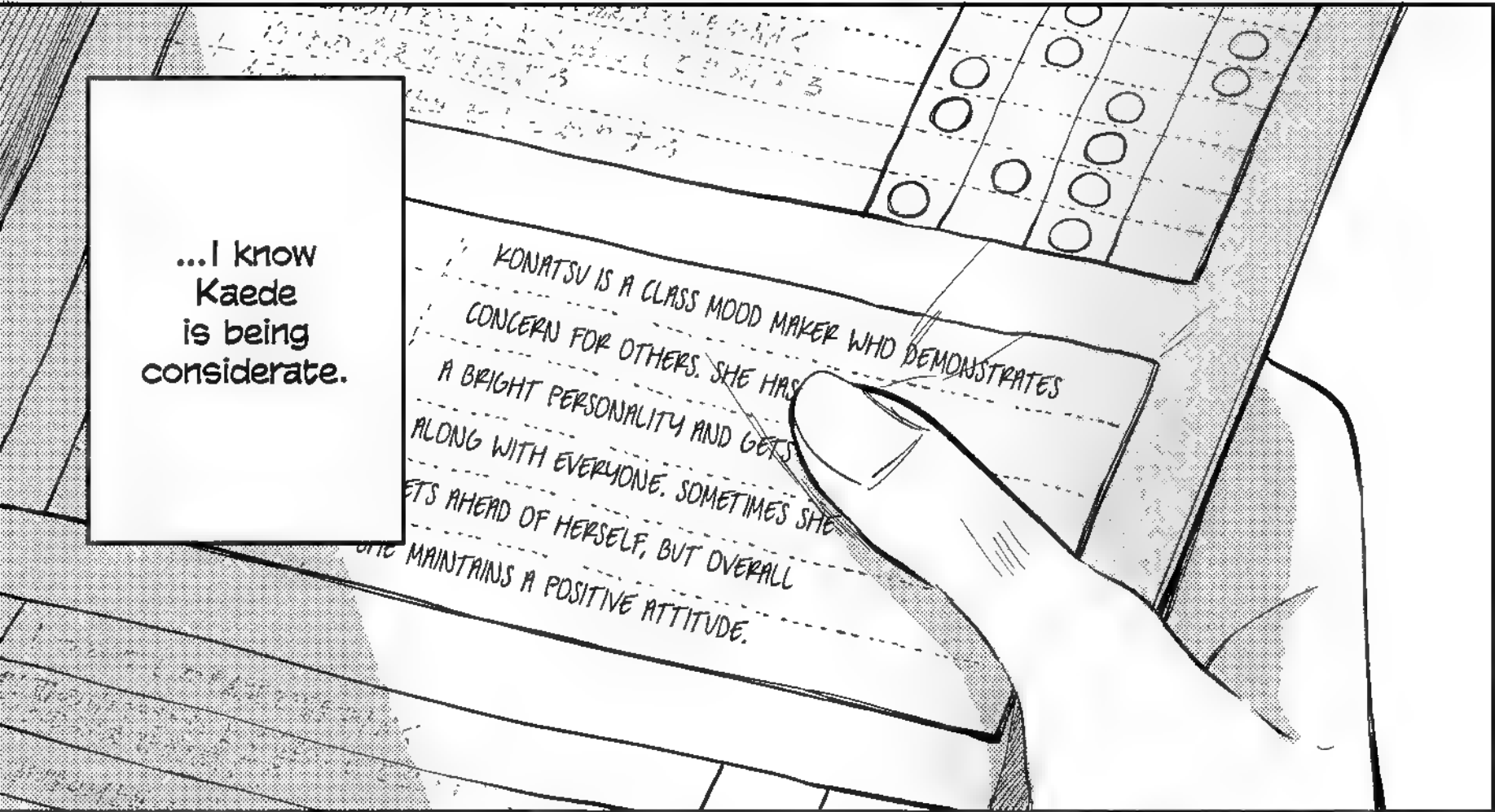
And
I feel
like it
isn't my
place
to ask.

It's
hard
to
bring
up.



Besides
...

...I know
Kaede
is being
considerate.



KONATSU IS A CLASS MOOD MAKER WHO DEMONSTRATES
CONCERN FOR OTHERS. SHE HAS
A BRIGHT PERSONALITY AND GETS
ALONG WITH EVERYONE. SOMETIMES SHE
GETS AHEAD OF HERSELF, BUT OVERALL
SHE MAINTAINS A POSITIVE ATTITUDE.



HEY,
WHAT
ABOUT
SPRING
BREAK?



That day...

Actually, maybe
even a long time
before then...





I still
hang
around
with
Kaede...



...and
things
I'm just
better
off not
knowing.



...and
there
are still
things I
won't
know
unless I
ask...



So I'll
just
bottle
up my
worries...

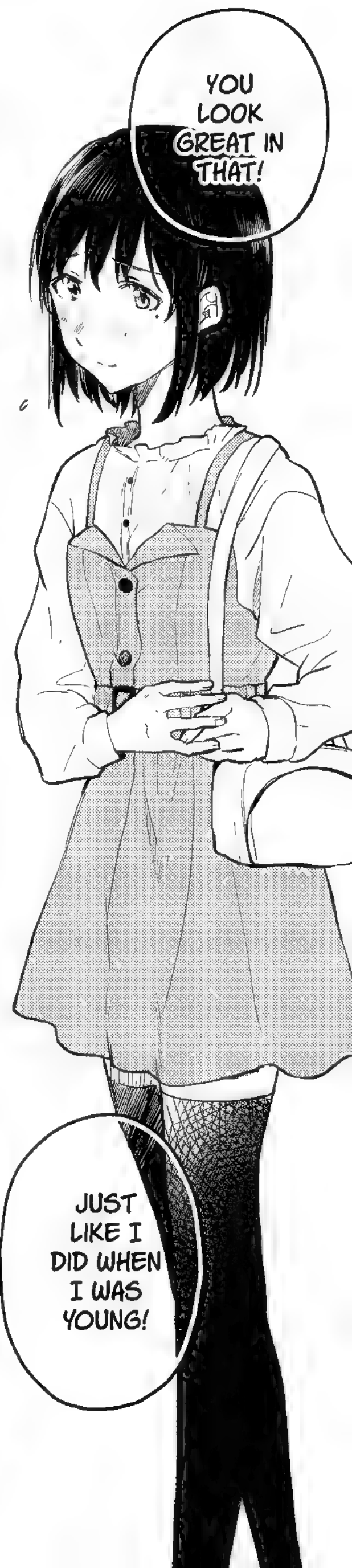


...like I
always
have.

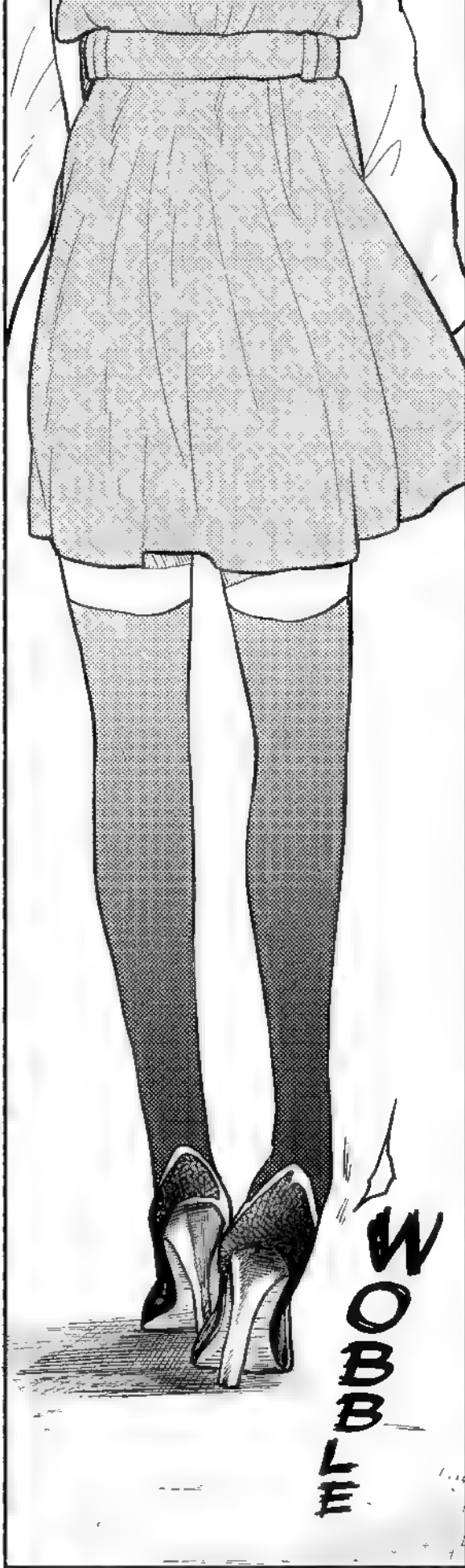
...and
get
by...

I'm totally
fine with that.





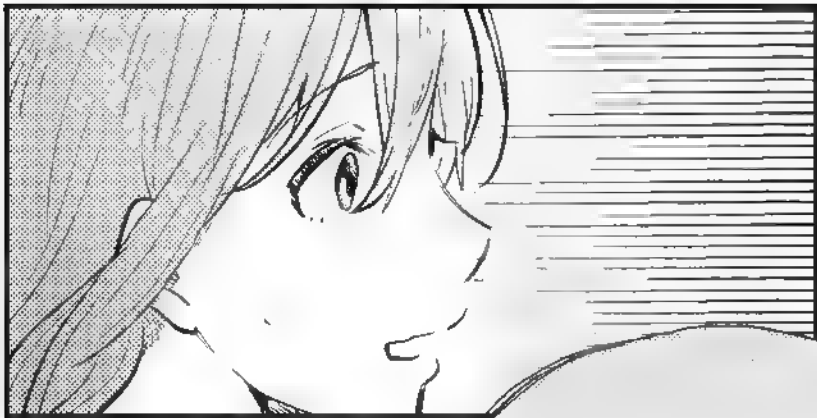


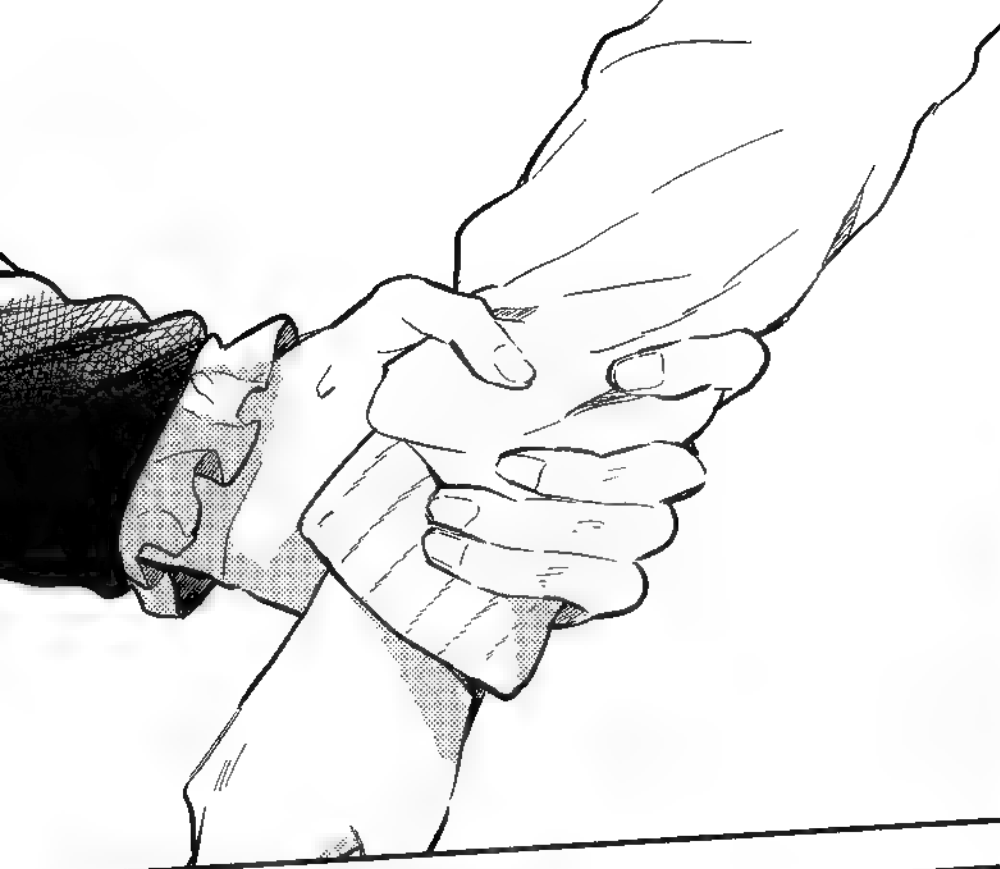


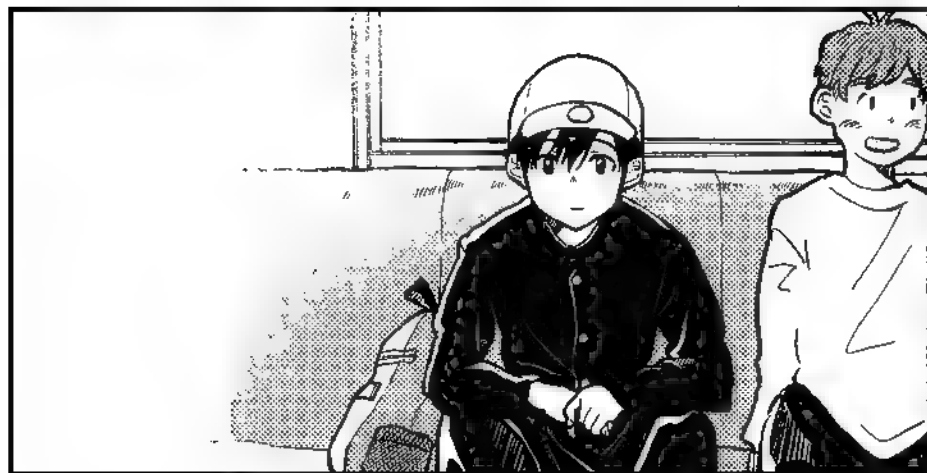














Kaede...

...always *pets* me.



NO...

...OF
COURSE
NOT.



oh,
really?

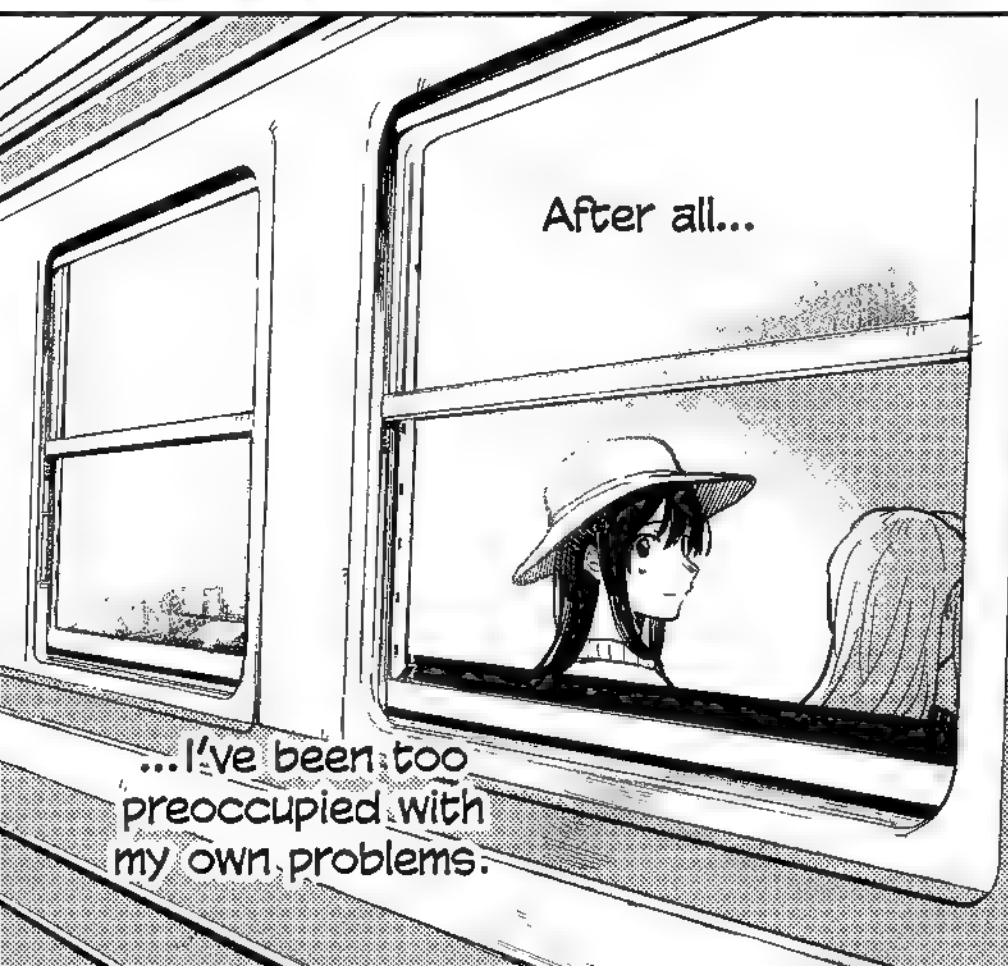
I'M NOT A
STALKER!



?!

...COME
TODAY
SO YOU
COULD
SPY ON
HER?

DID
YOU...



After all...

...I've been too
preoccupied with
my own problems.



KLIK

Y...
YES,
REALLY!!

KLAK







...AND WE
OVERCAME
DIFFI-
CULTIES.

...WE WERE
RESPECT-
FUL OF
EACH
OTHER...



THE
AUTUMN
SPORTS
FESTIVAL
...



WE
WERE
DISCI-
PLINED
...



...WE
HAD A
GREAT
CLASS.

I
THINK...

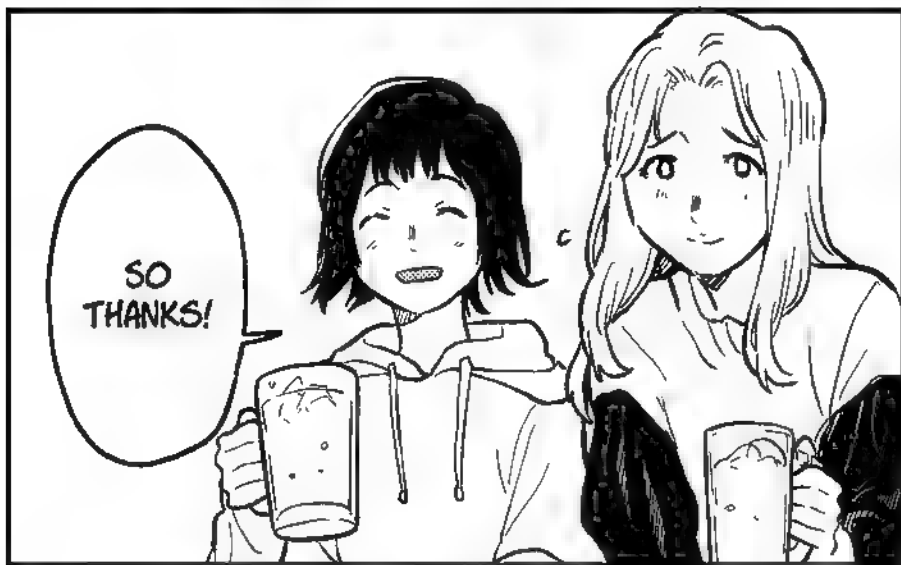


...AND
UNIVERSITY
ENTRANCE
EXAMS
...

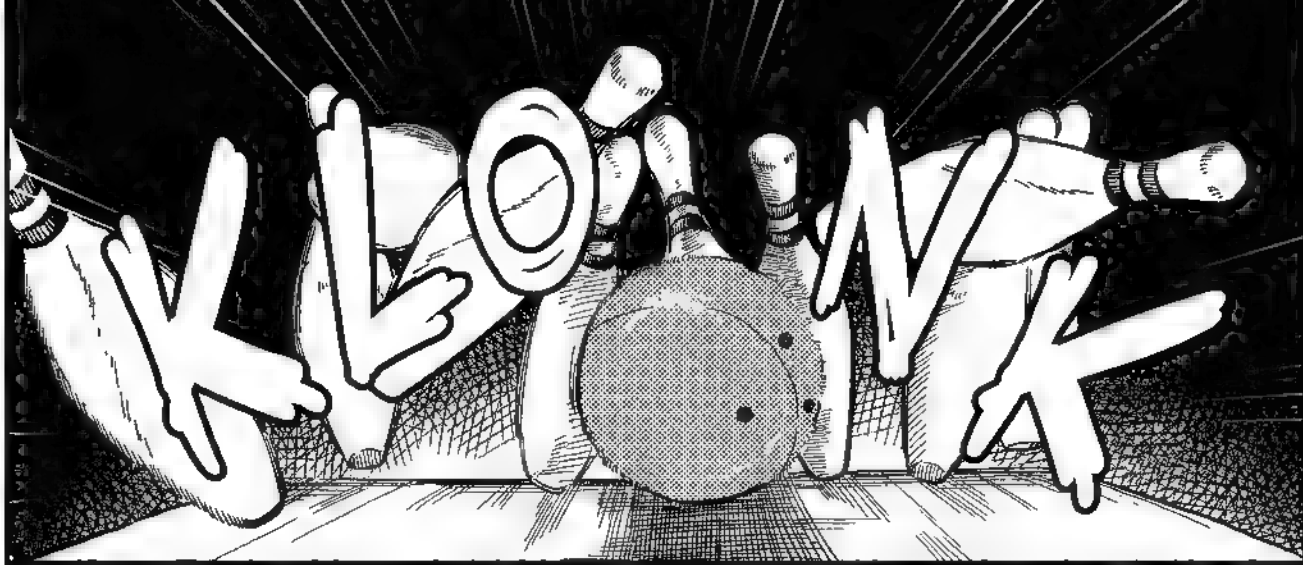
...WILL BE
CHALLENGING,
BUT...







...but that
was only a
few months
ago.



Back then, I never
could have imagined
today happening...

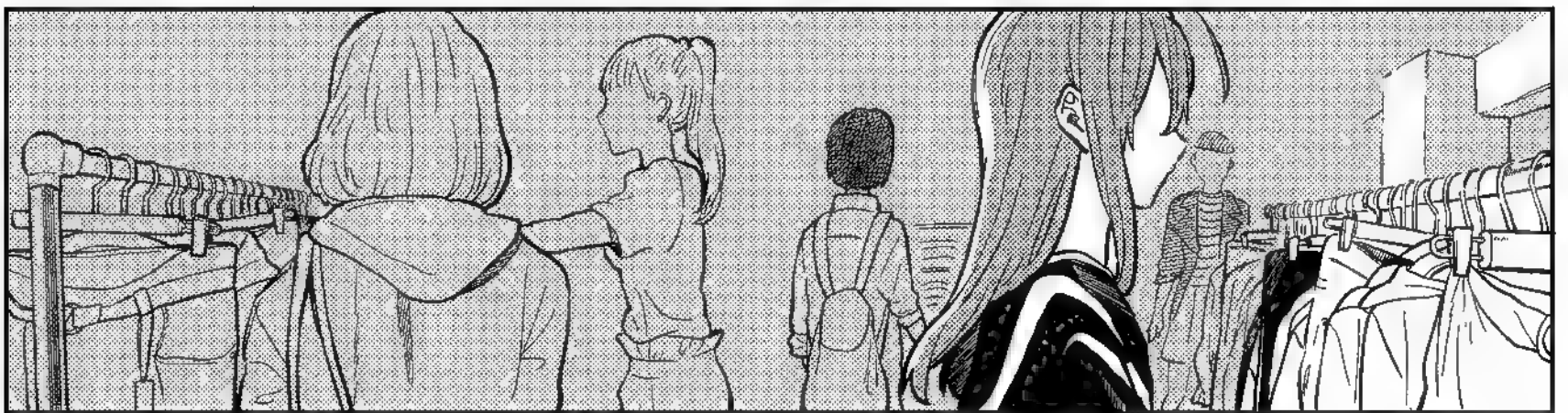


And now
here I am.















...I
DON'T
FEEL LIKE
GETTING NEW
CLOTHES
RIGHT
NOW.



NO...



NO,
SERI-
OUSLY!

THAT
WAS
JUST A
COINCI-
DENCE!!

OKAY...
I WON'T
MENTION
IT AGAIN.



WHY?
STILL
WORRIED
ABOUT
HONAMI?



BUT
WHAT
IS
WRONG?



That's
a good
question.



What's
wrong?

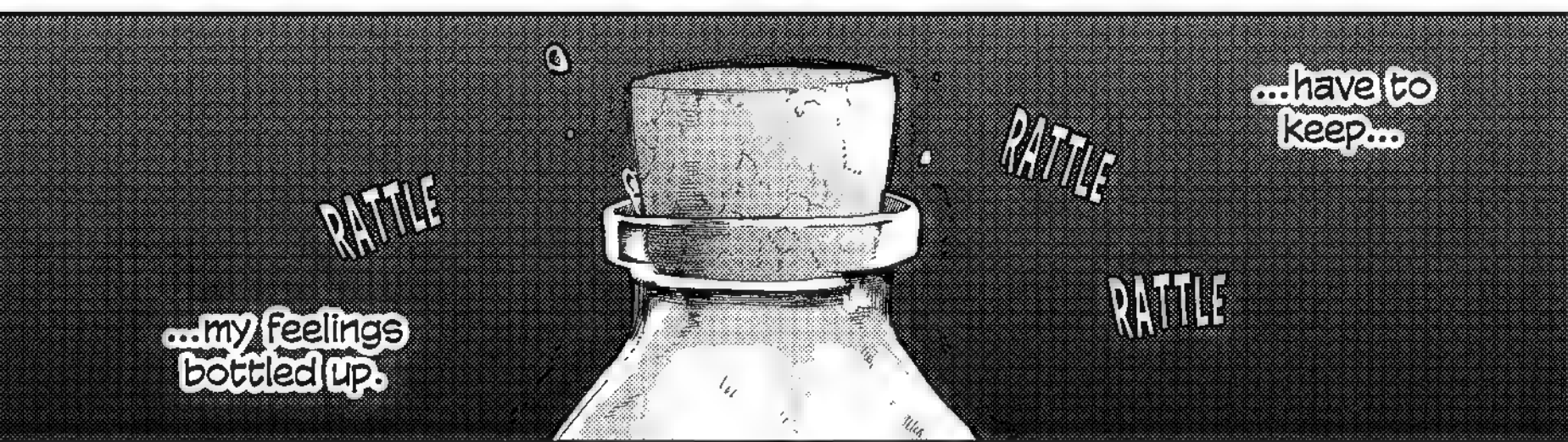


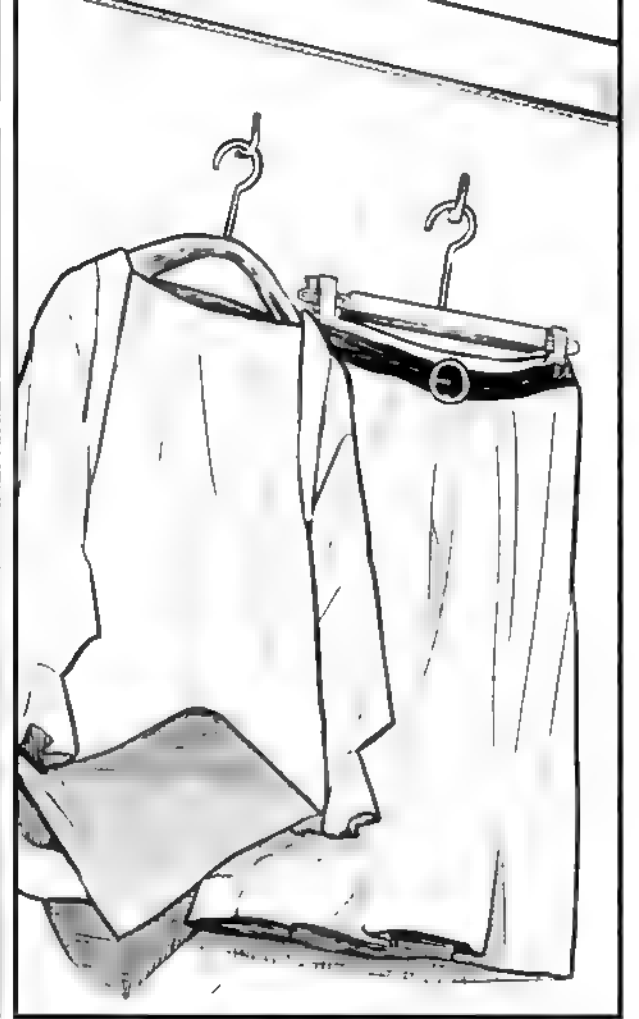
I thought...

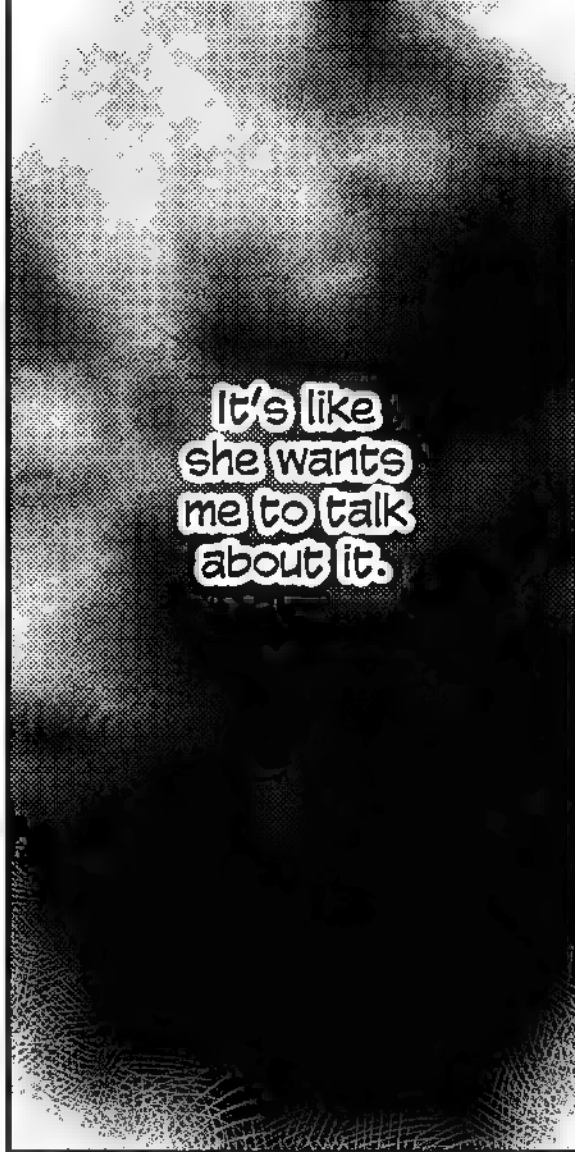
...if I refused
to keep walking
forward...

...everything
would stay
the same.

It's like
something is
stuck in my
throat.

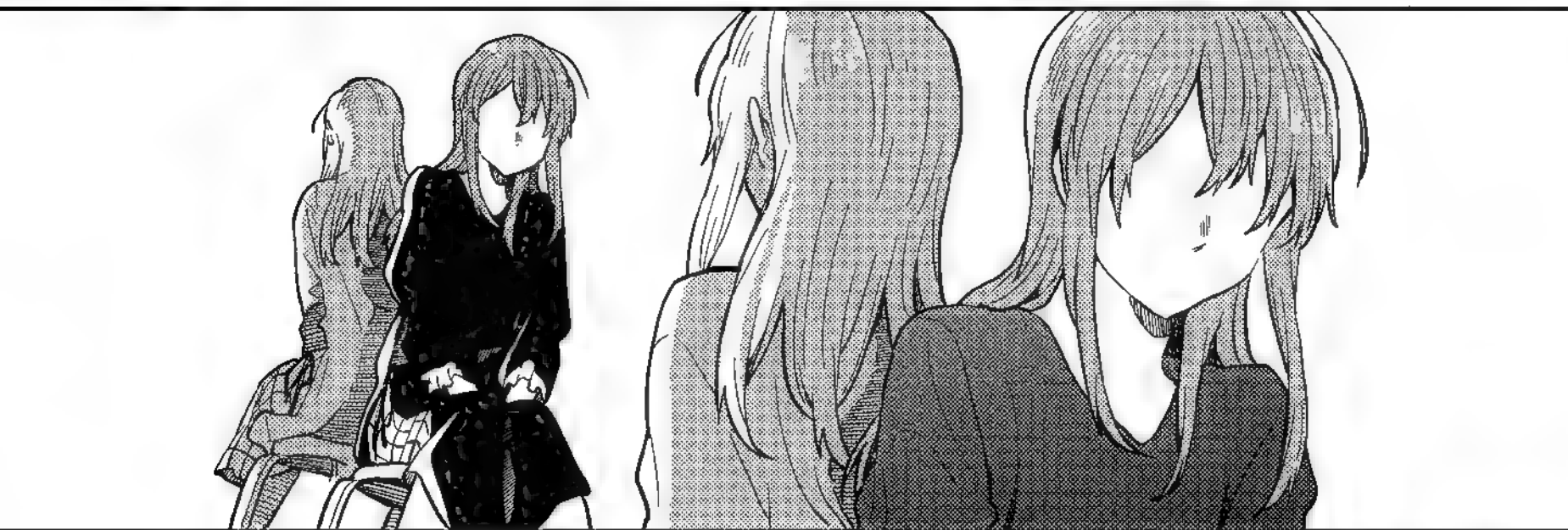






But it's
kind of
mean...

...how
Kaede
keeps
bringing
up
Honami.



Right?~



...I should
feel better.

So that
nothing
changes.



BUT...

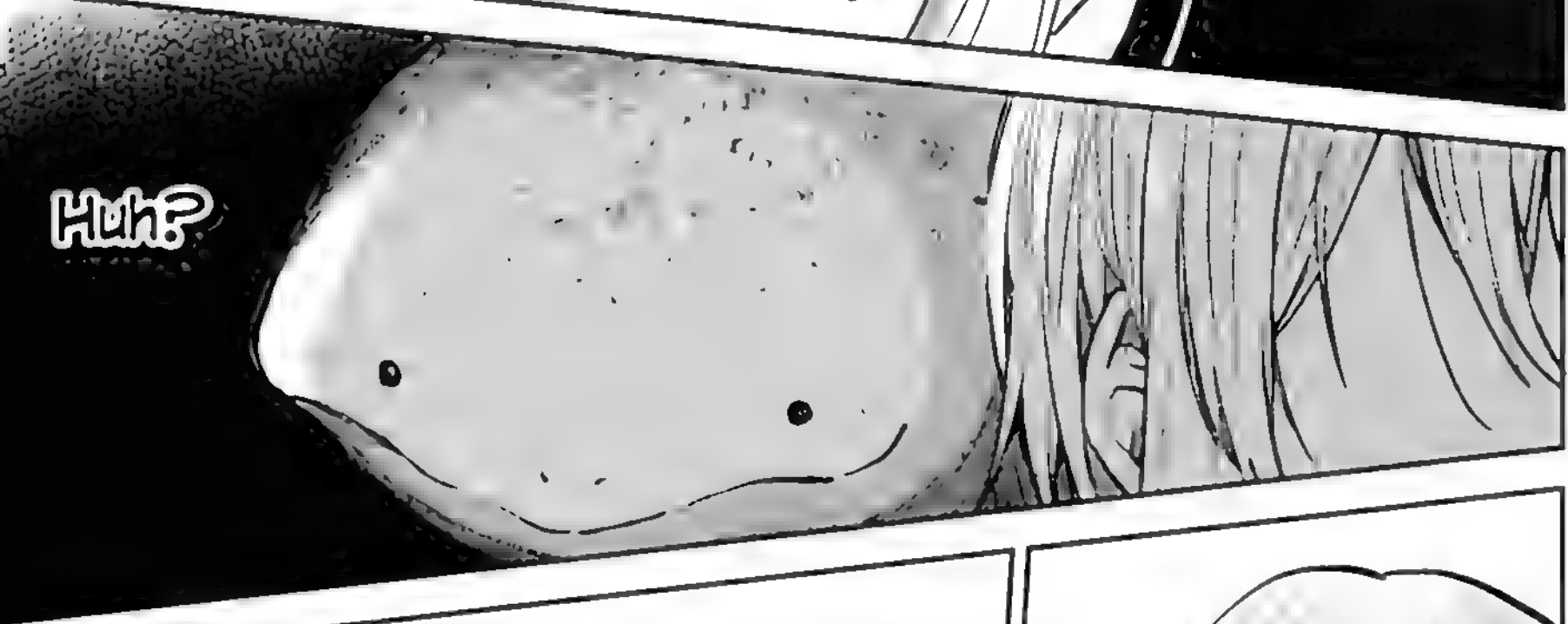


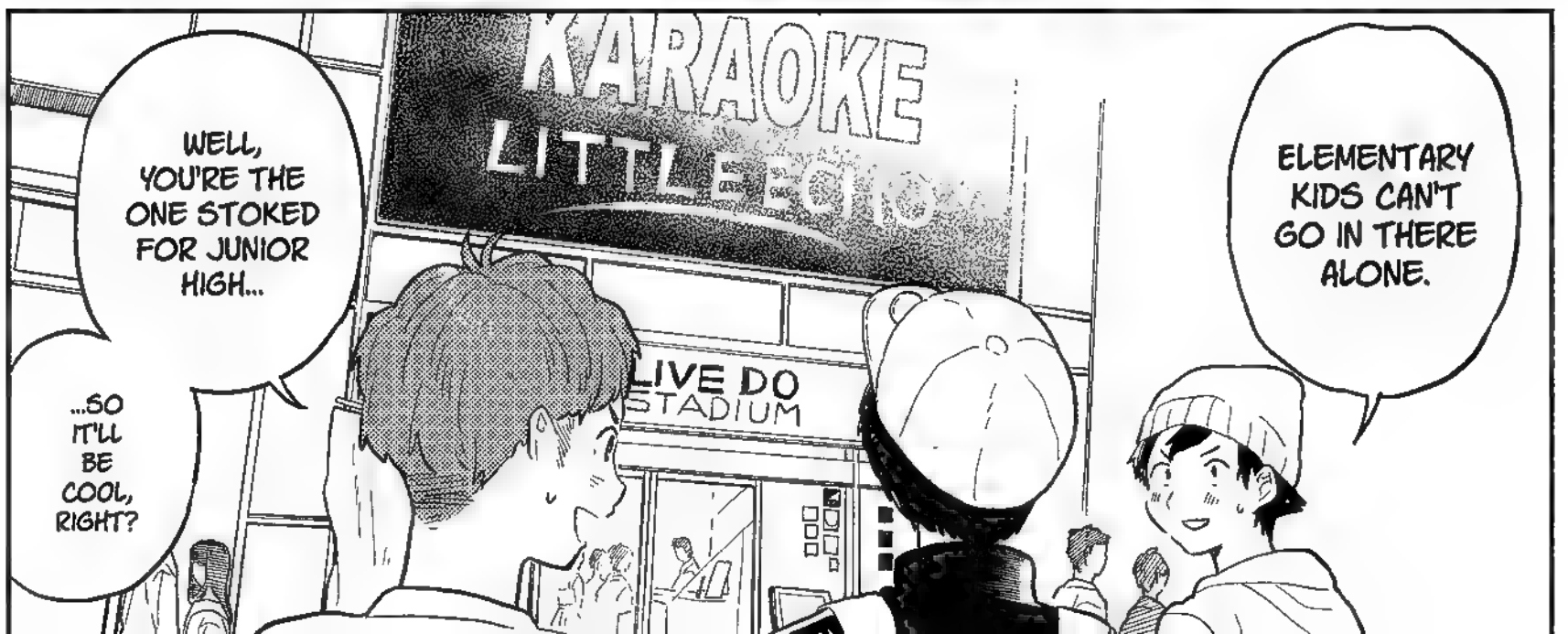
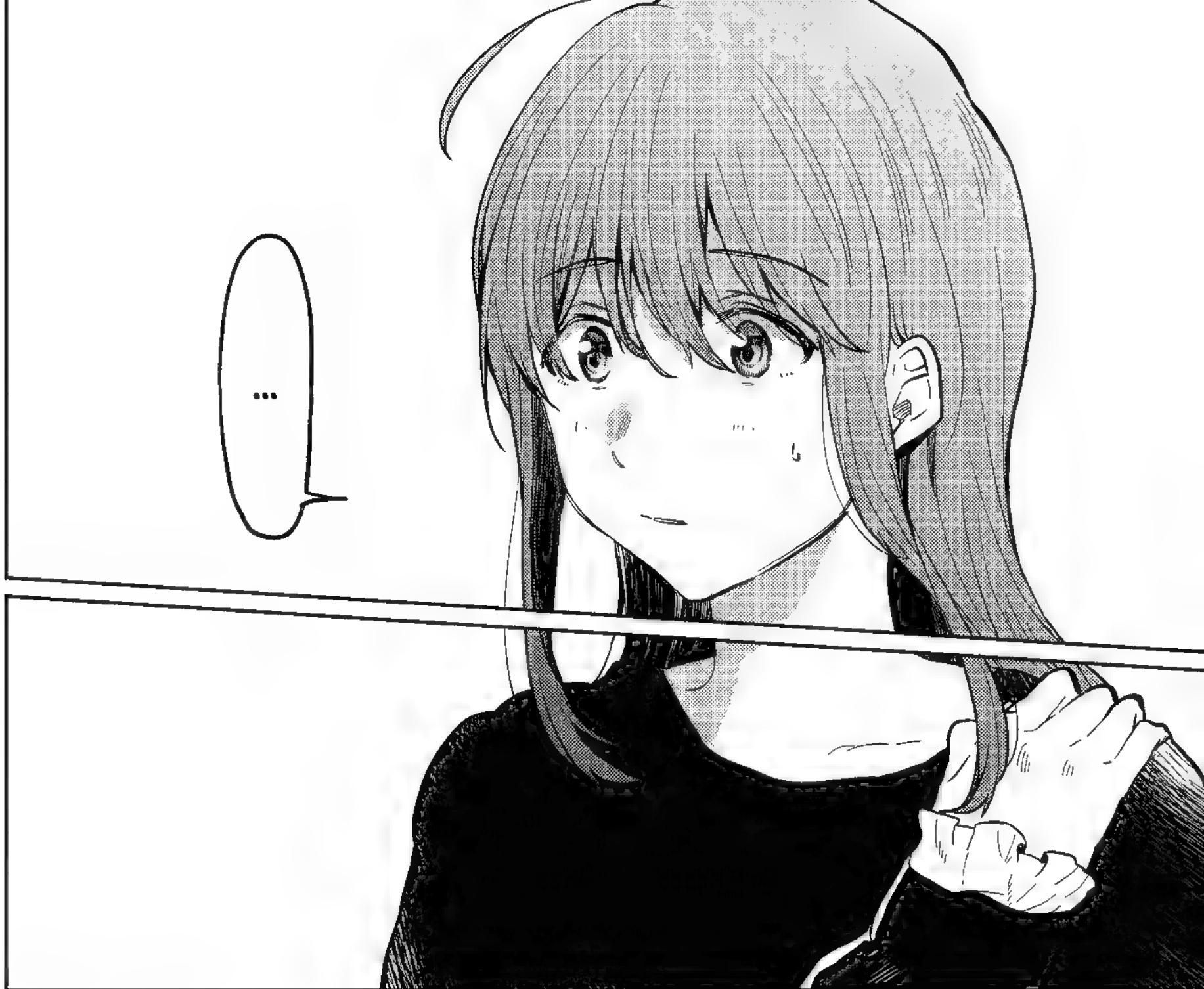
I was the
only one
hung up on
that day...

...and
since I've
forced
down my
feelings...

...I feel weighed down.









HARUKI?

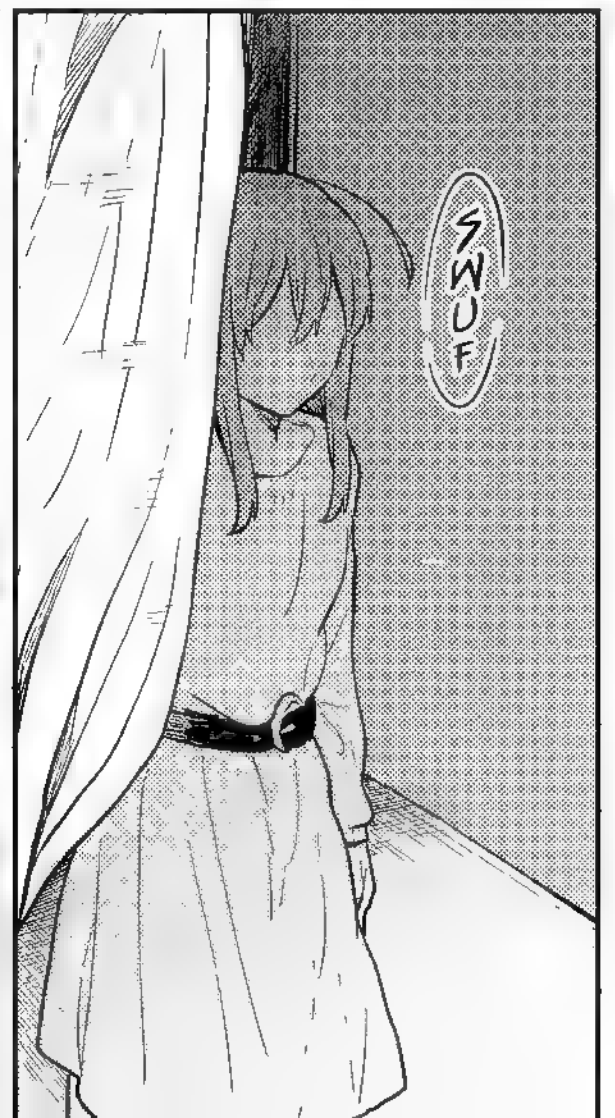
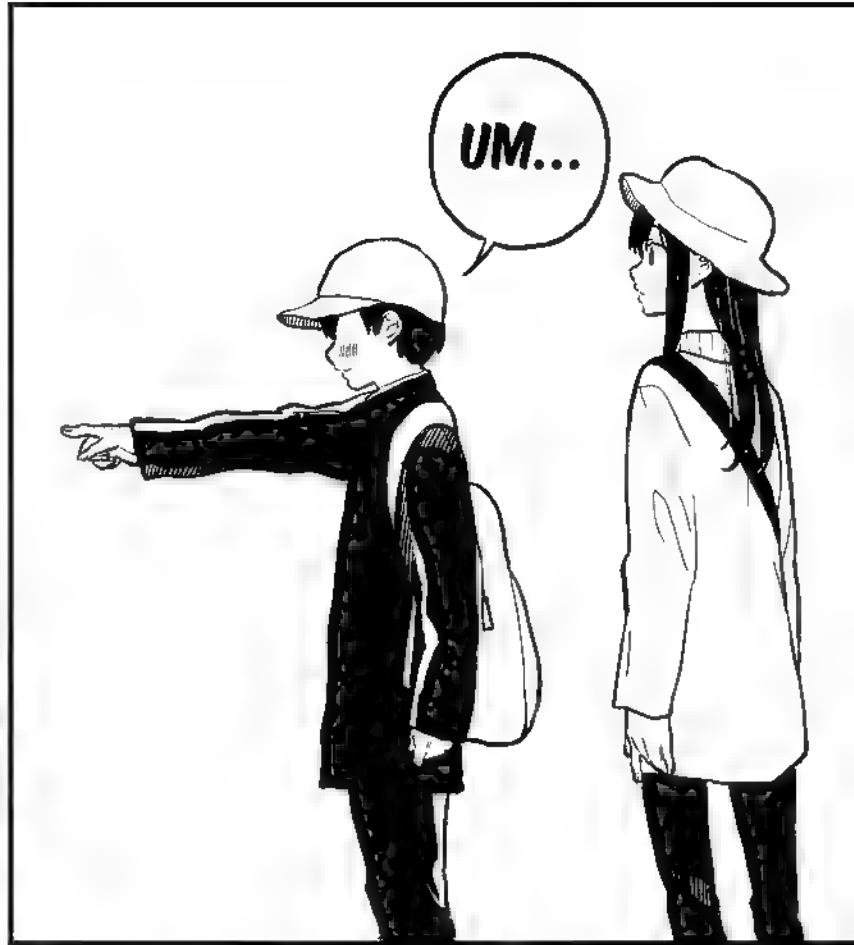
NOW
WHAT,
HARUKI?

W-we
were...

S-s-
sorry!

...just
looking
!!

LITTLE
KIDS AREN'T
ALLOWED IN
UNACCOM-
PANIED!







KAEDE
?!



WHERE'RE
WE
GOING?!



Some-
thing...

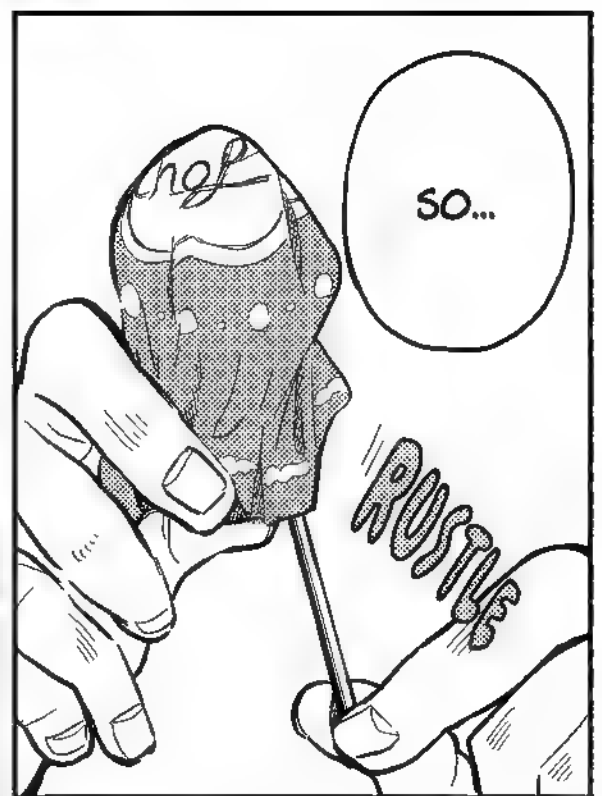
...is
beginning
to
change.



Tank 23:
Konatsu Amano Can't Talk About It



...AND YOU'RE
WORRIED, SO
WE'VE BEEN
FOLLOWING
THEM.



...THAT
GIRL IS
YOUR
SISTER'S
FRIEND...





HARUKI,
YOU'VE GOT A
MEGA MOTHER
COMPLEX *AND*
A SISTER
COMPLEX.

?!
!!



OH
WELL...

SORRY!
MY BAD!

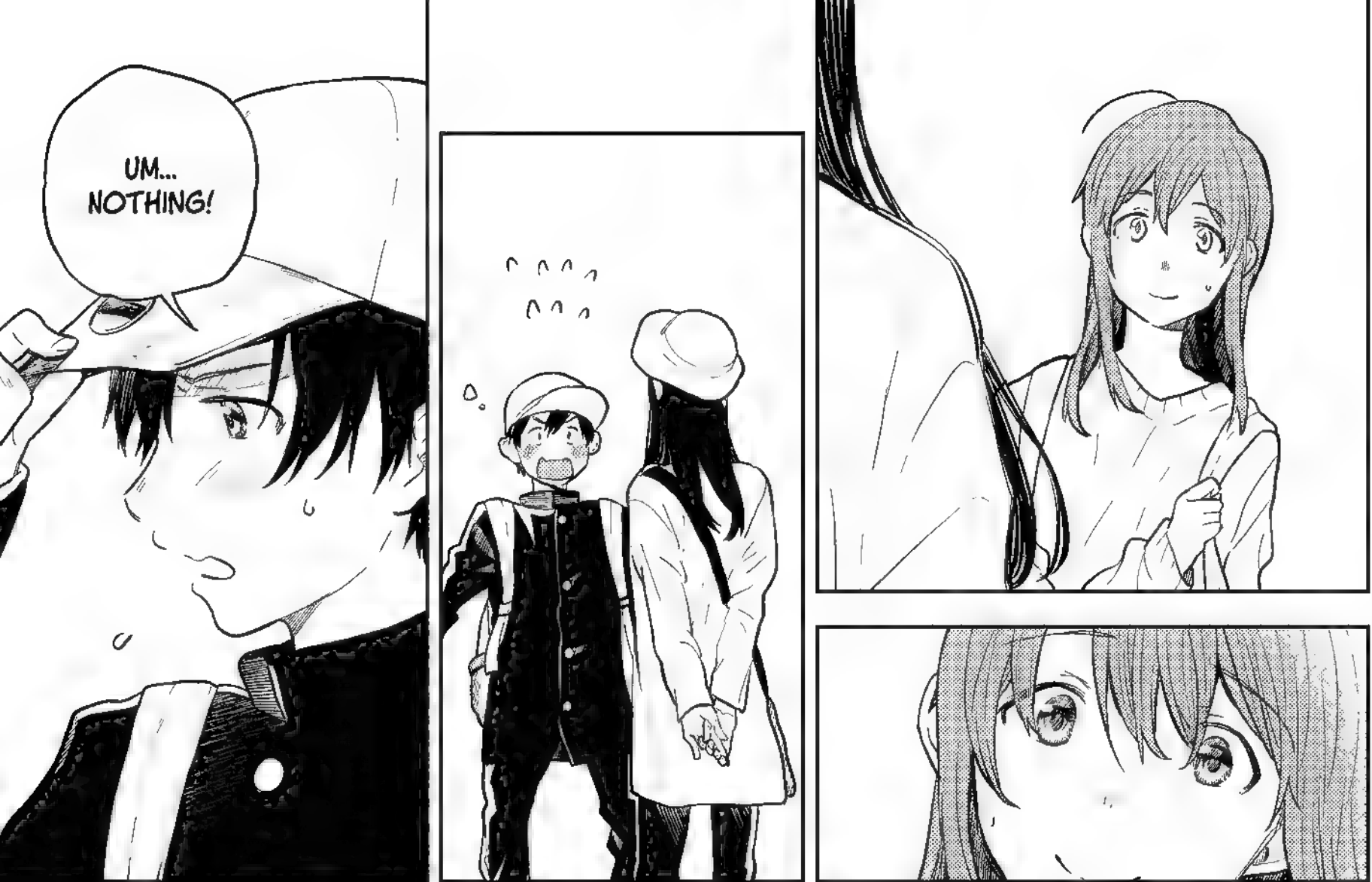
IN OTHER
WORDS, YOU
USED US.



**SHUT
UP,
GUYS!!!**

UM,
WHAT'S
WRONG?

THANKS
FOR
WAITING!!









AND
HERE
I AM
MEDDLING
AGAIN!



FUYUKI...

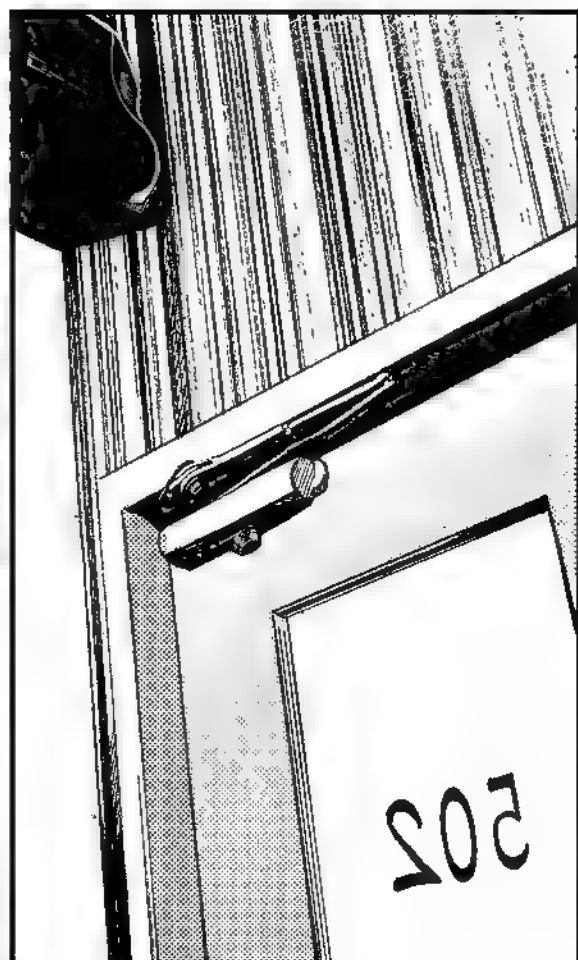
...MUST BE
WORRIED
ABOUT HIS
SISTER.

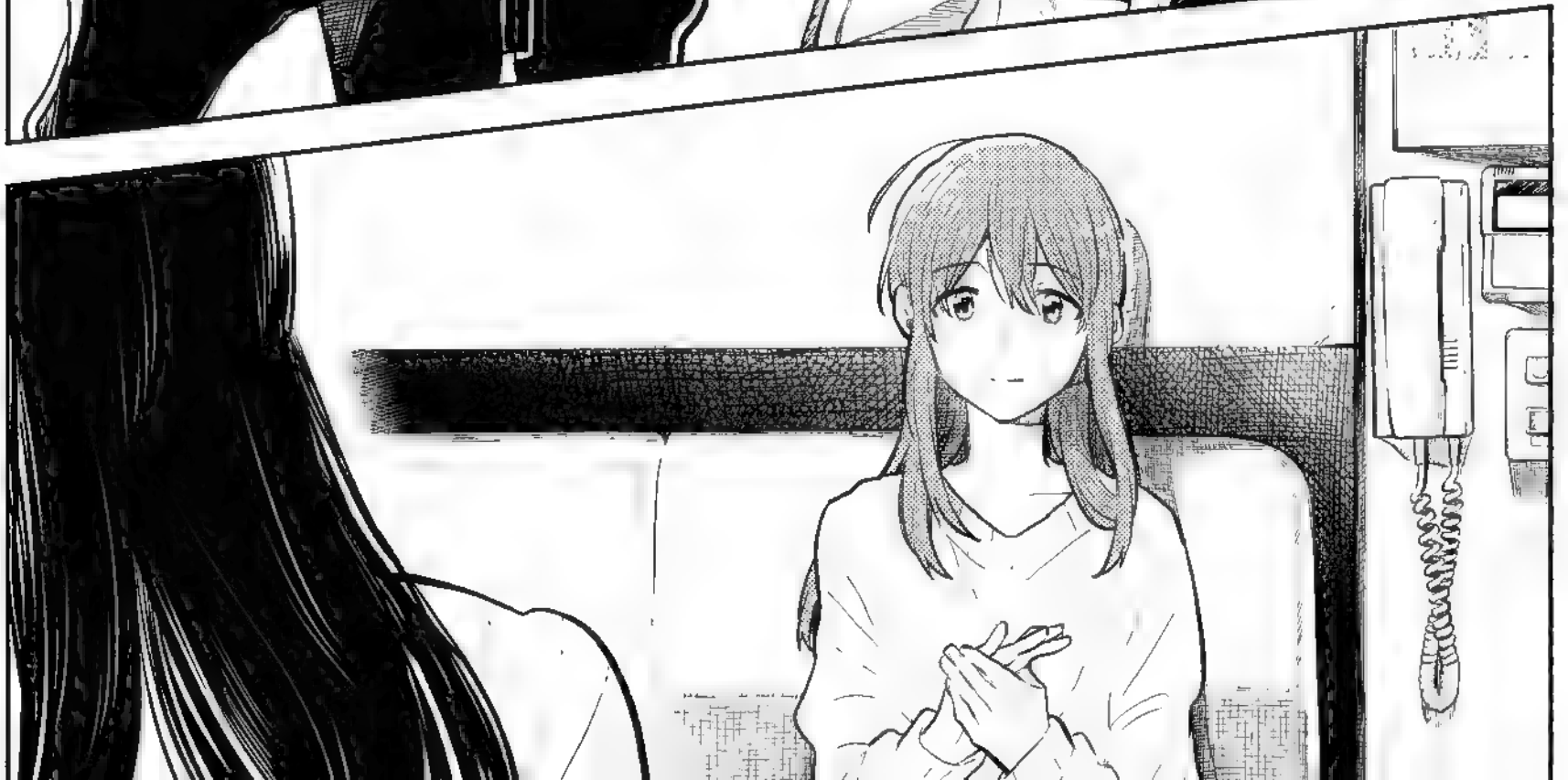


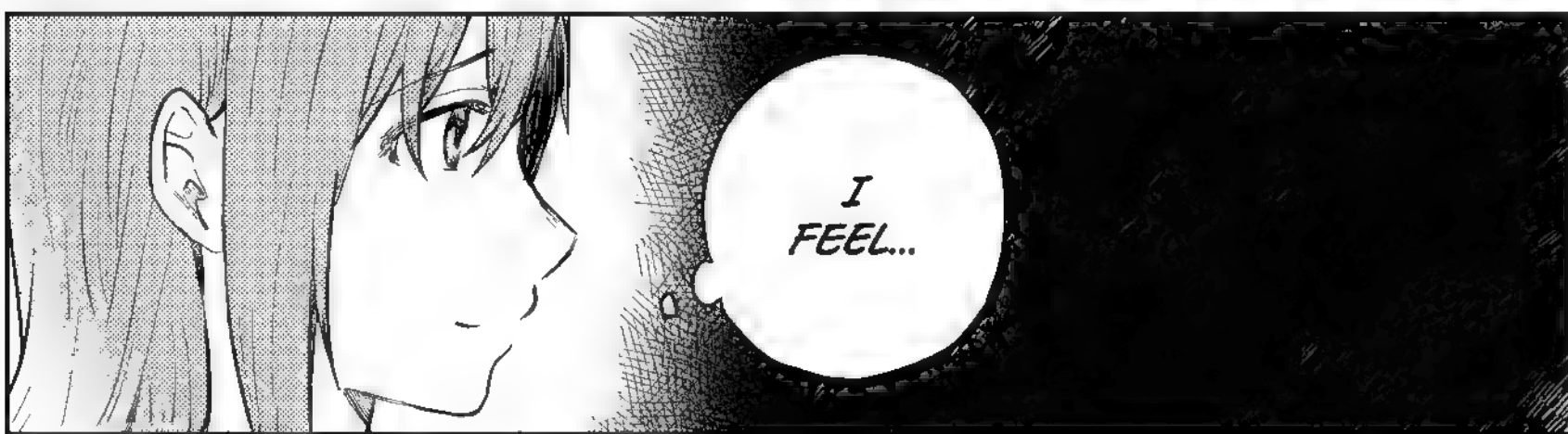
...LIKE
SHE'S
DOING JUST
FINE!



BUT IT
LOOKS
TO ME...

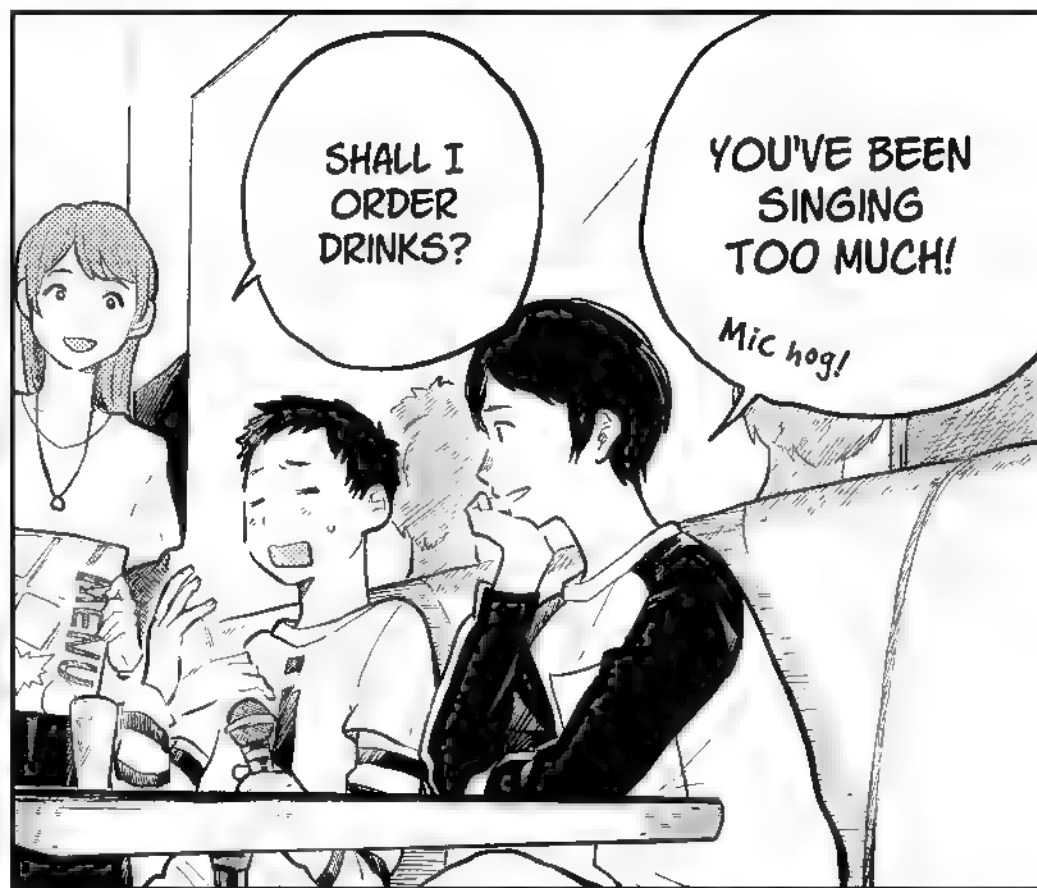








**...SO
COLD.**







But...

...I
can
handle
this.



Honestly,
karaoke
is what
worried
me most.



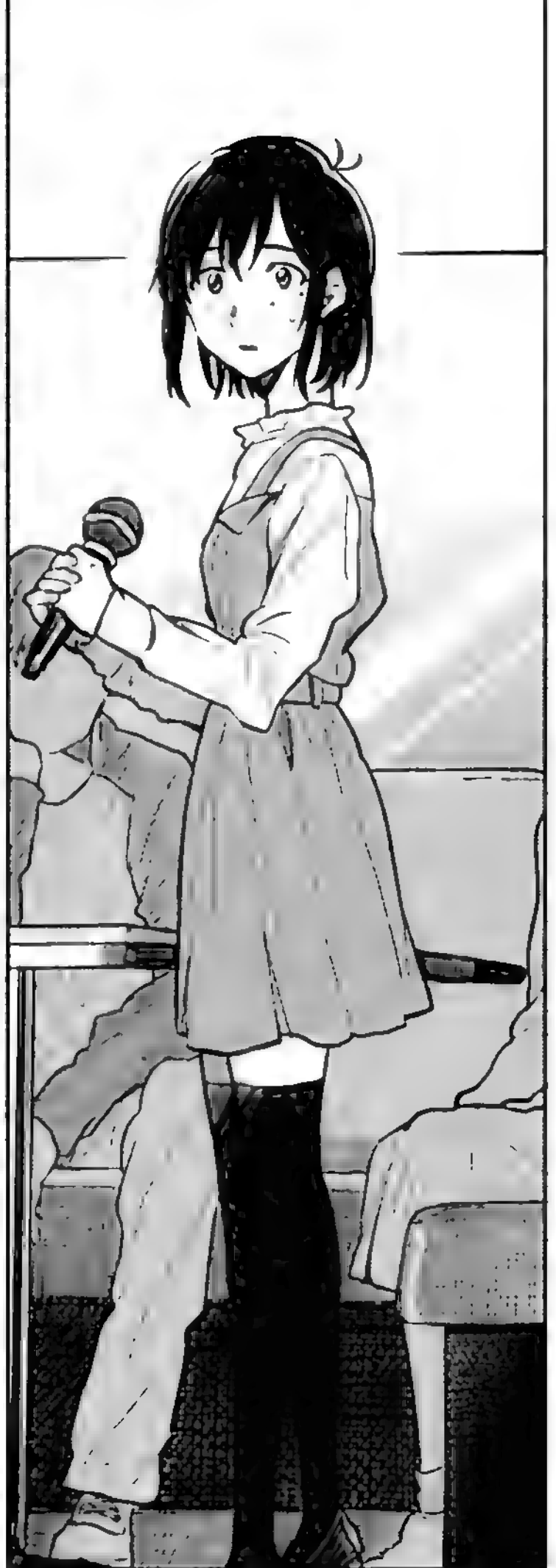
I'D
LIKE TO
ORDER
TWO
MELON
SODAS...

UM,
HELLO?



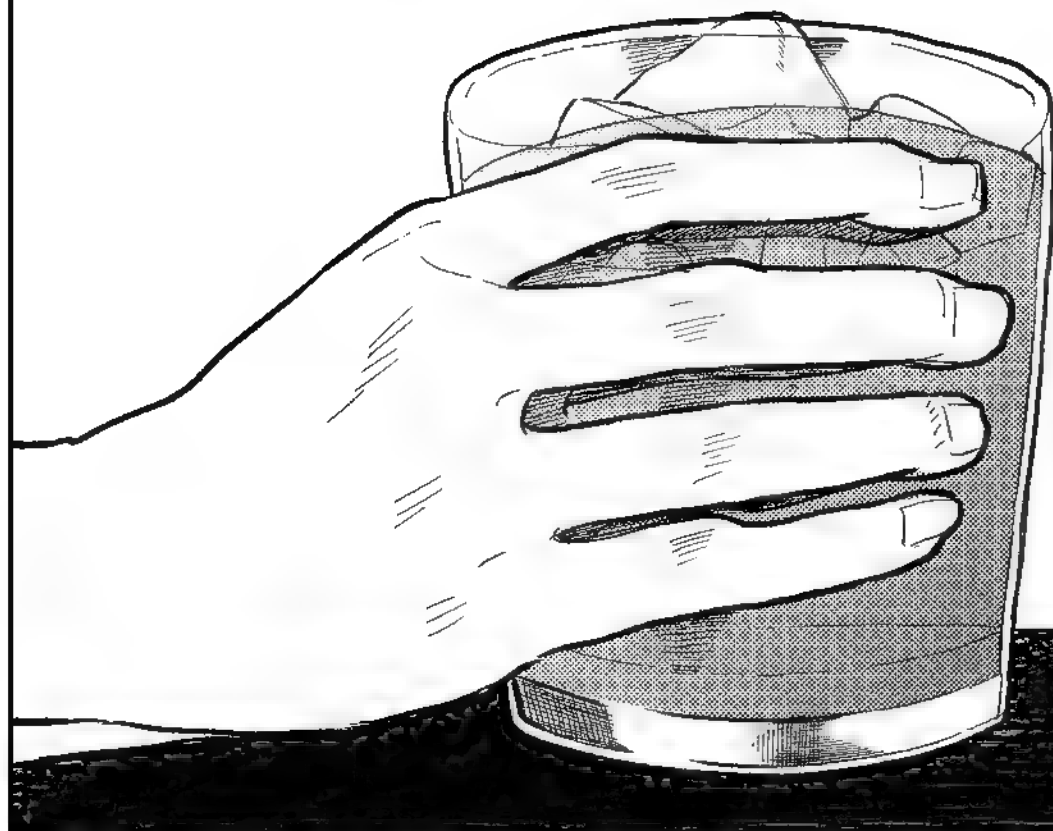












TUNK



IT WAS
JUST A
MISTAKE!

Um...
NO, IT
WASN'T.

N-NO
WORRIES!



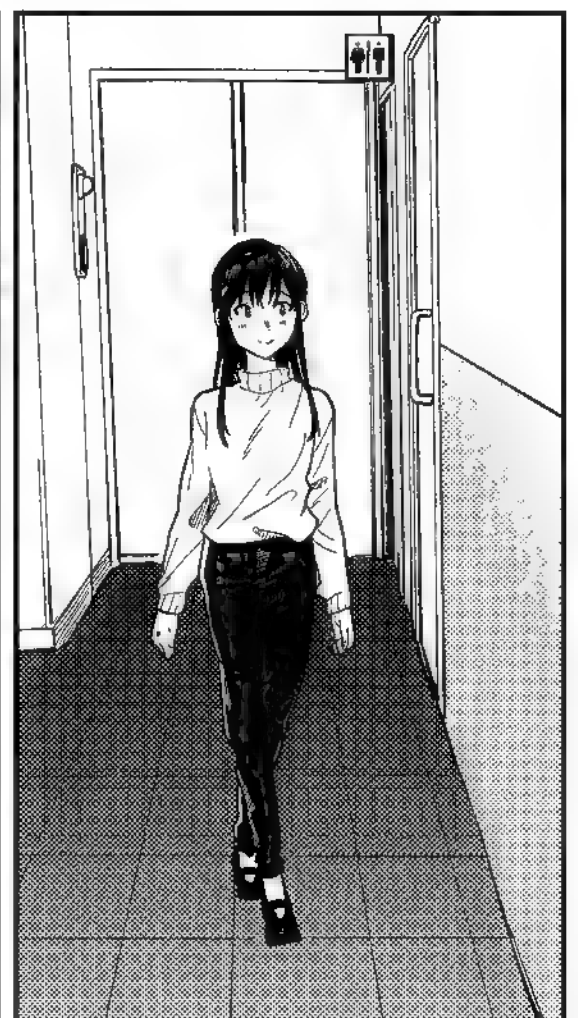
I'M
GONNA
GET
SOME
AIR.



SORRY,
HONAMI.





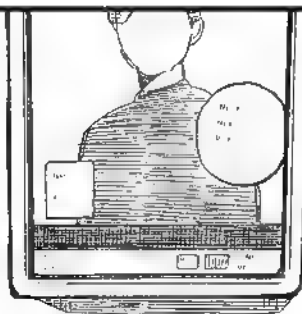


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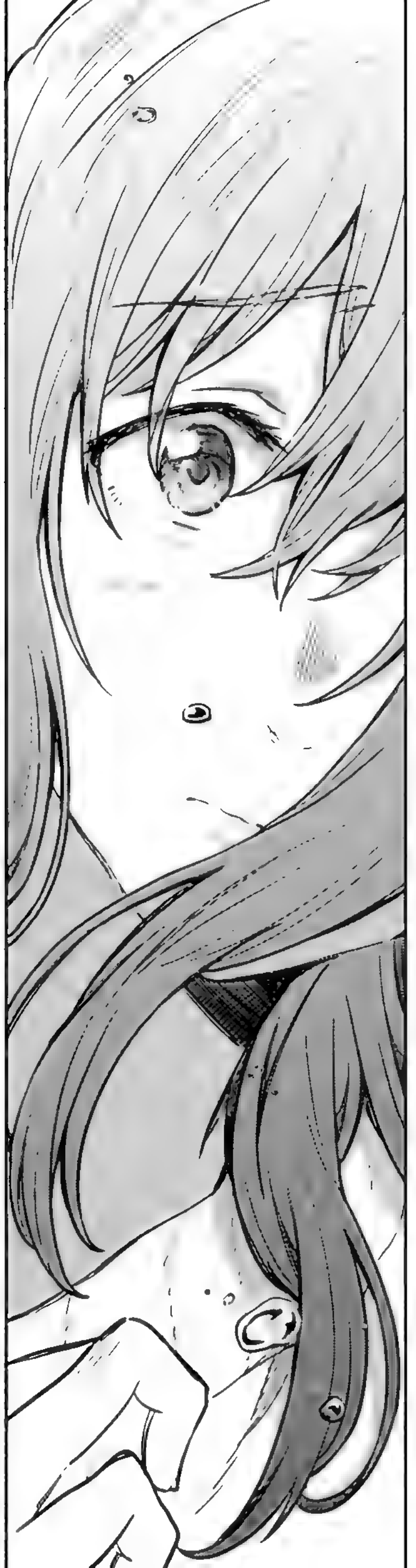
...TAKE
THIS ANY-
MORE!




I
CAN'T...



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...I
didn't
want to
break...

...or
let go
of...



...what
binds us
together.

And
that
was...



I was
worried
for so
long...

...but
that
was
because
...

I
feel
more
at
ease
now.




...isolation.






Loneliness...

...is what binds us.



That's
why I was
afraid.



I didn't want you
to crawl out of
our rock hollow...



...and
leave me
behind.



...been
worried
...

I've
...

...about
that...



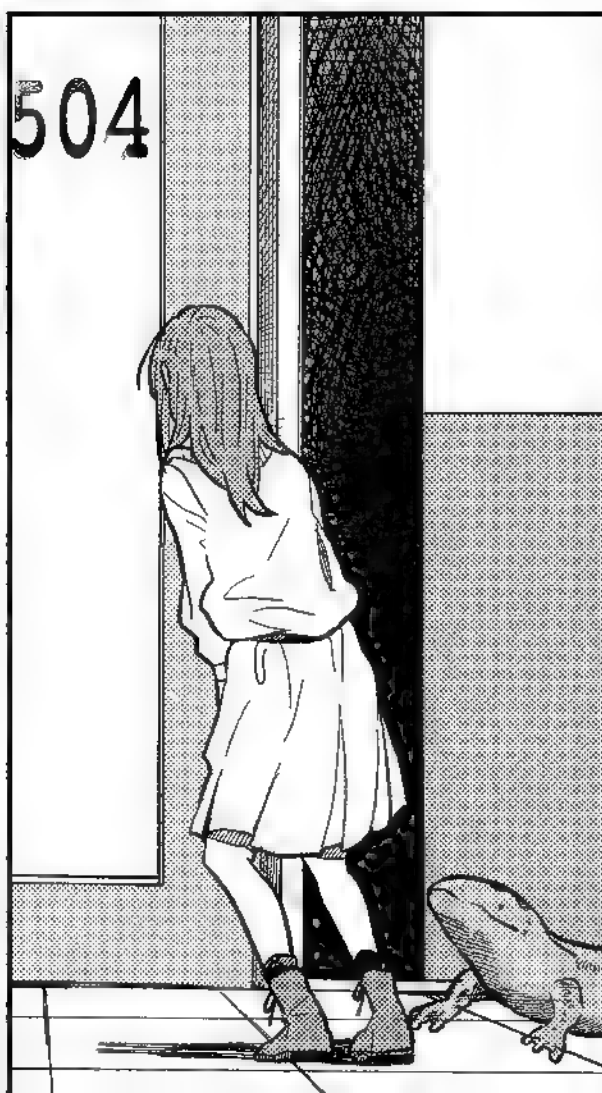
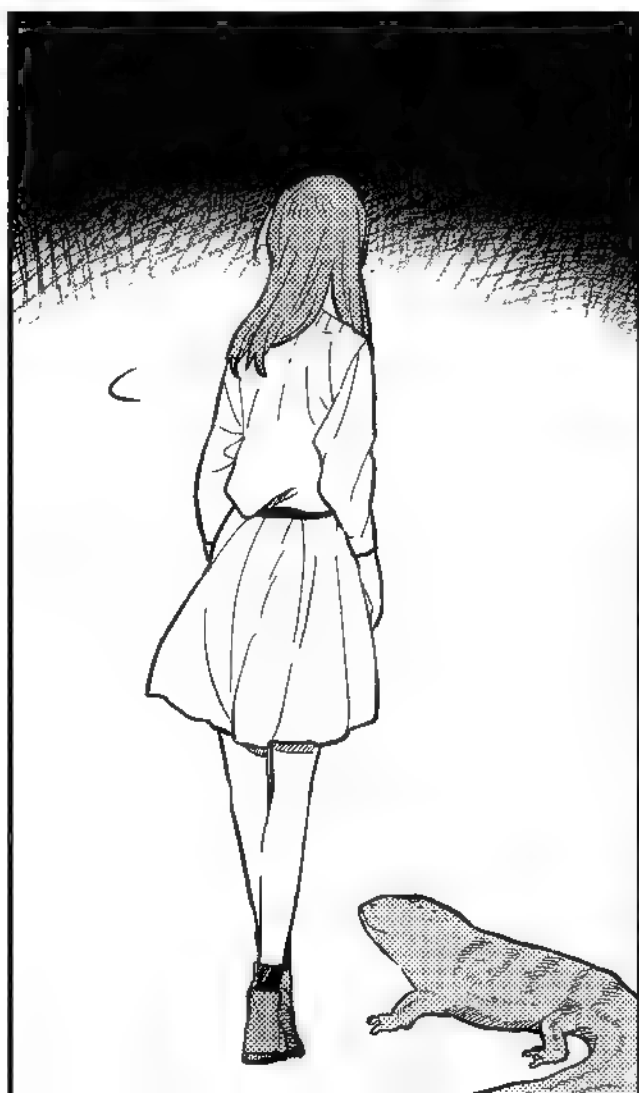
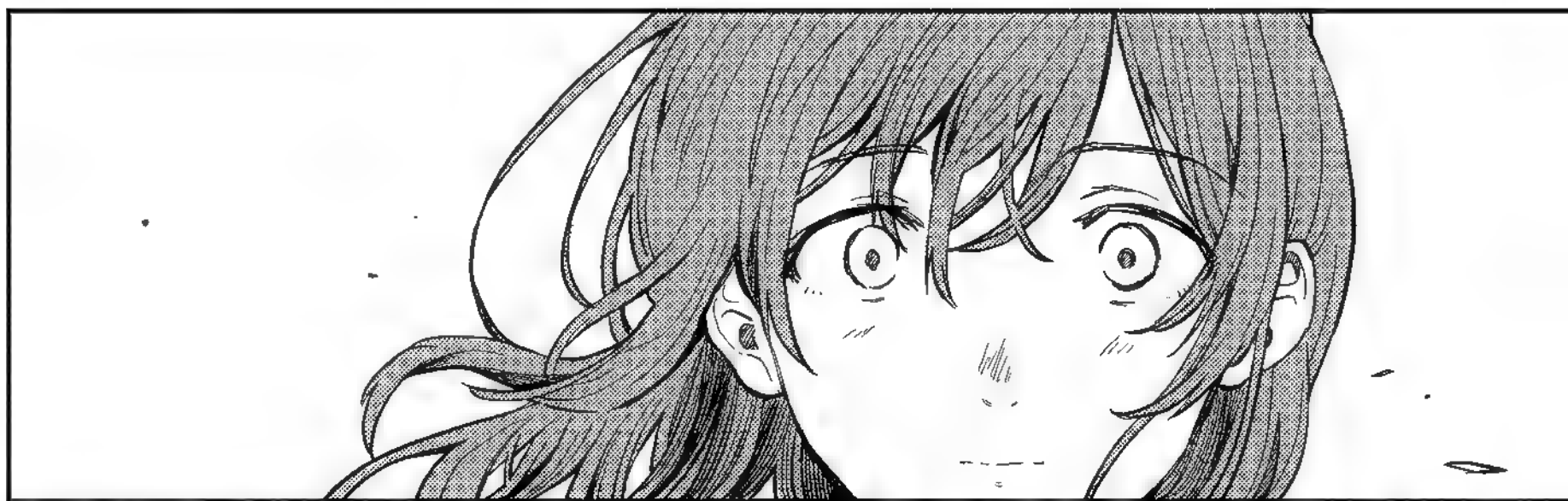
So...



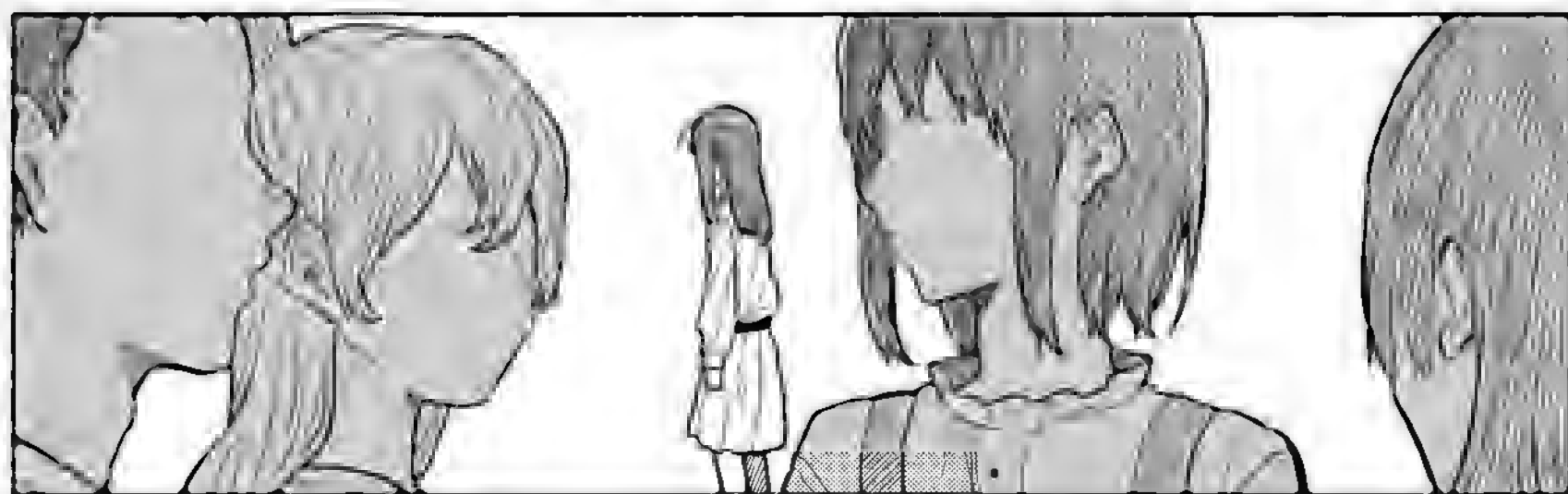


...
let's
go
back.

But
for whose
sake?



YOU ALL
RIGHT,
HONAMI?



The day
we met was
special
for me.



Hey,
Honami?



But...





**I KNEW
IT WAS
YOU!!!**

AAAGH!!



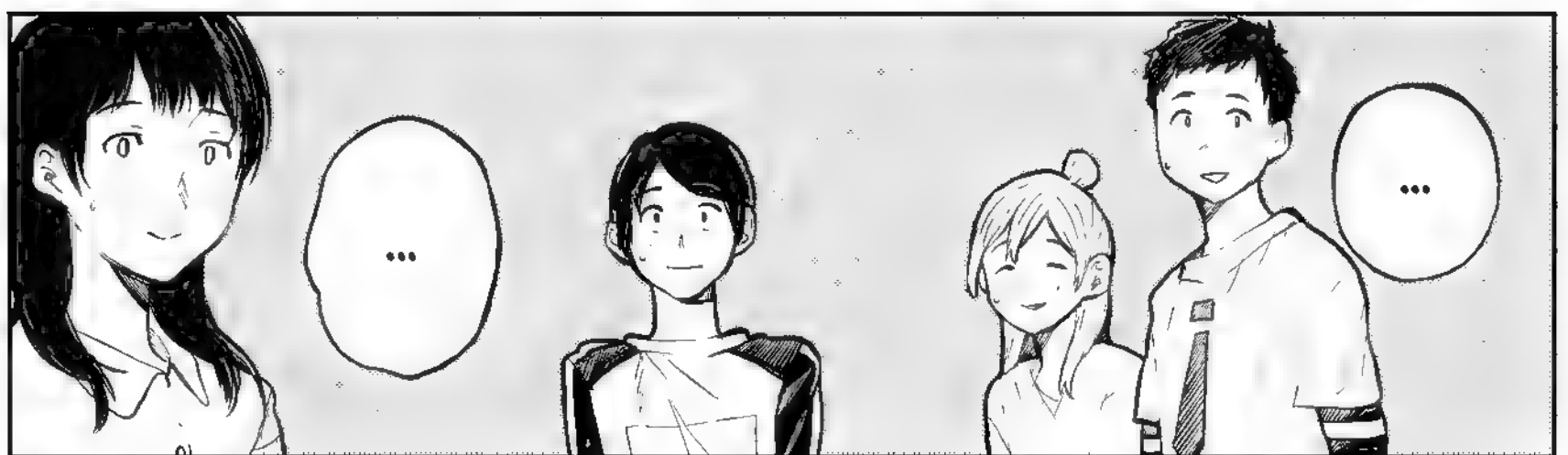
**HOW'VE
YOU
BEEN?**

**LONG
TIME,
NO
SEE!!**

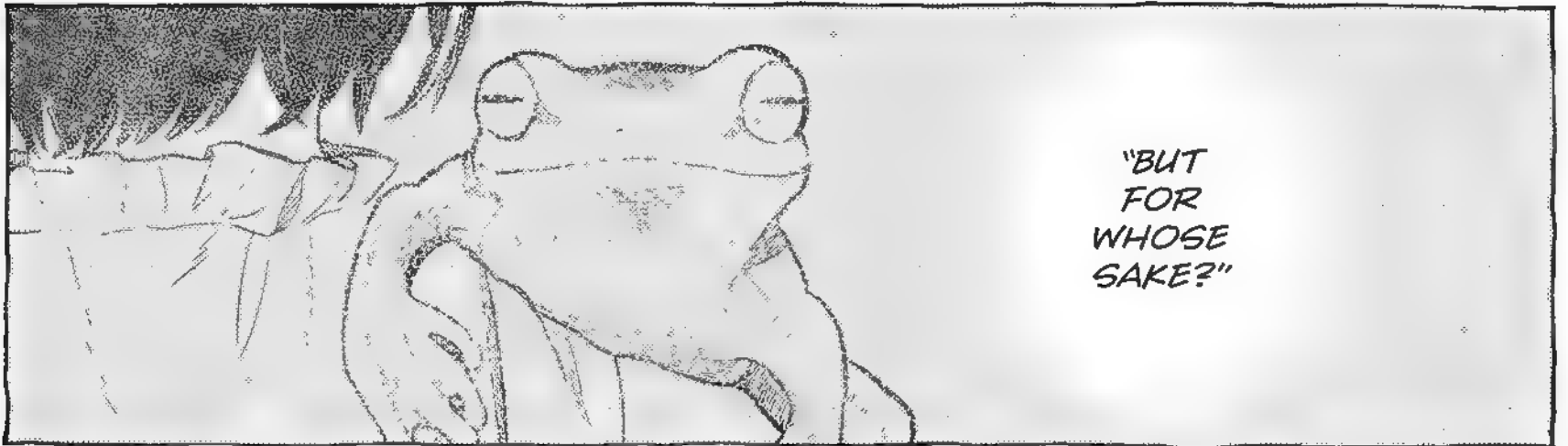


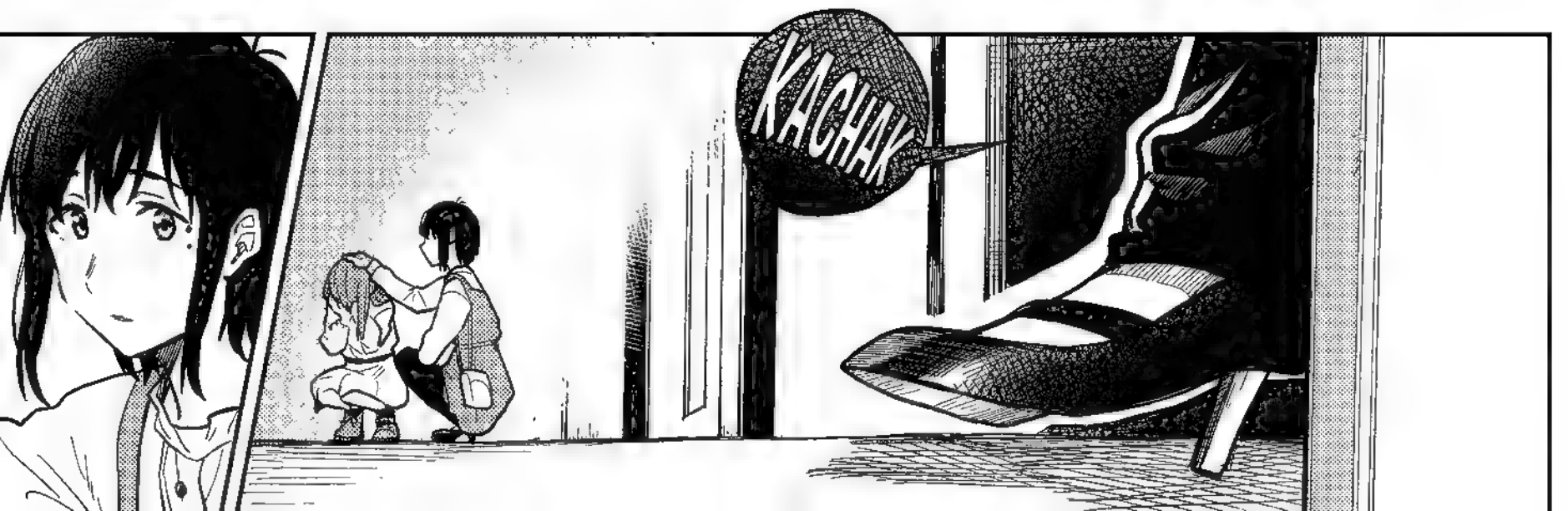
**I
RECOG-
NIZED
YOU
FROM
BEHIND!!**







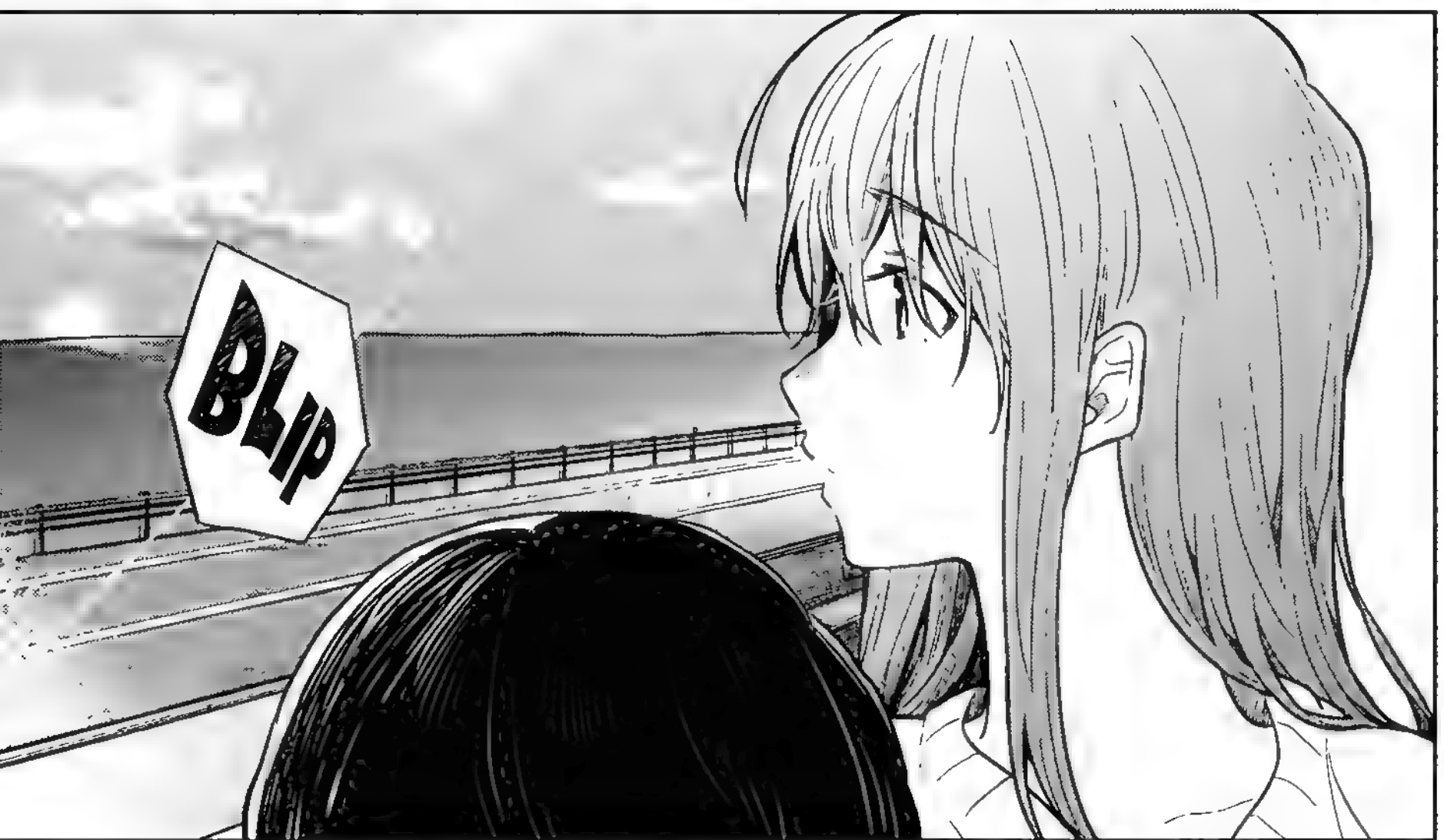


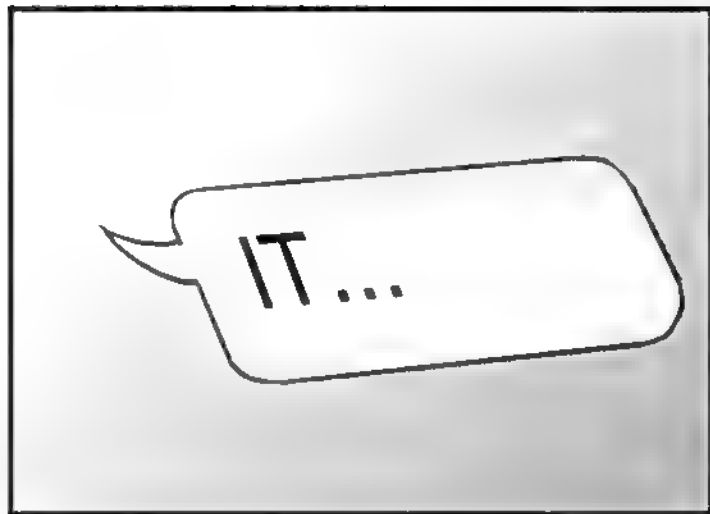


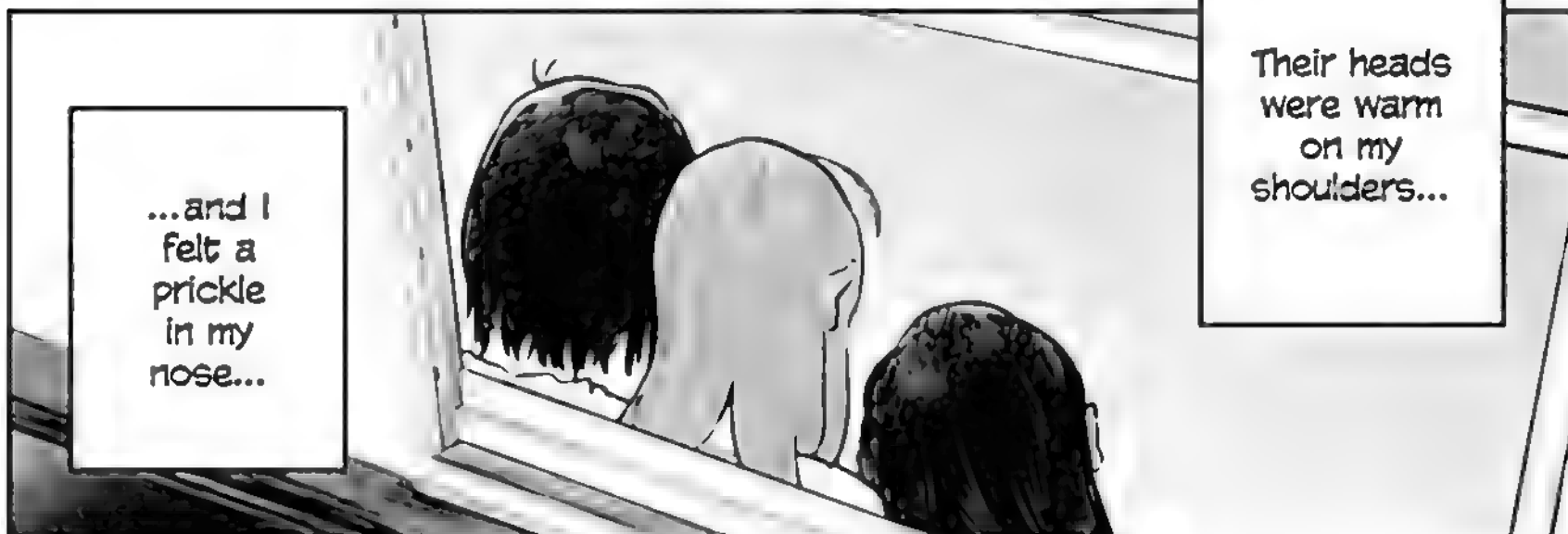
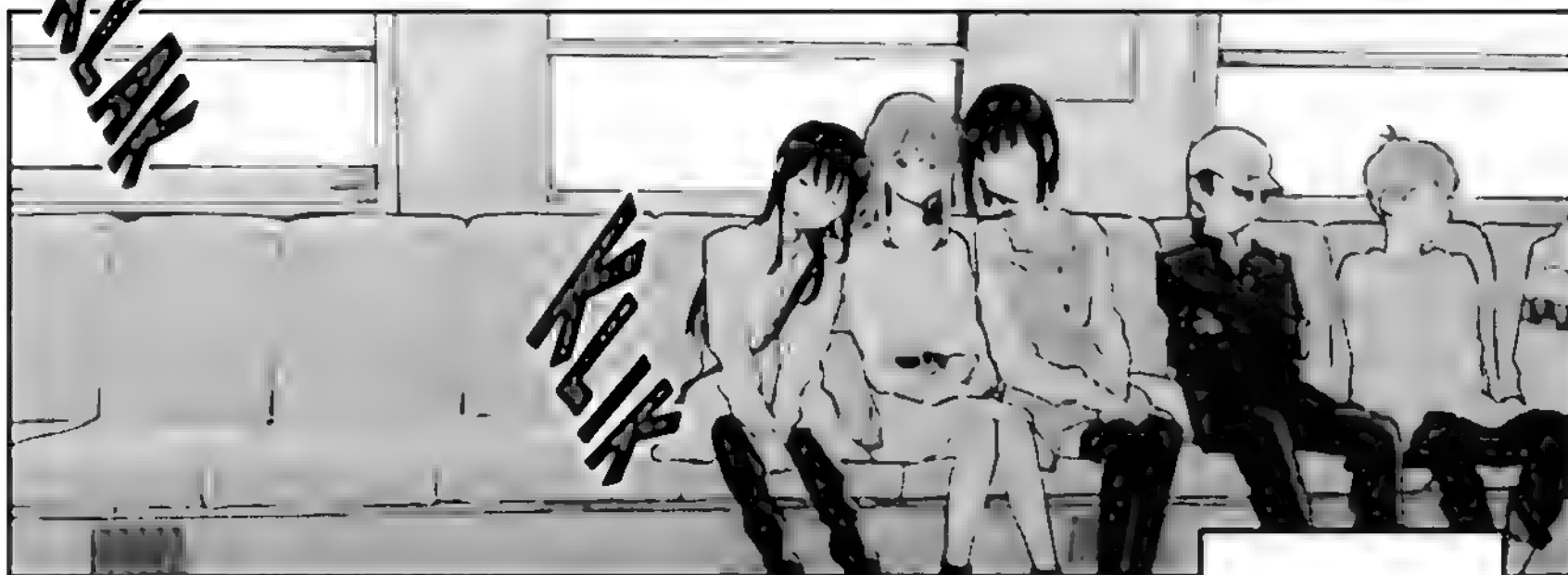












...and I
felt a
prickle
in my
nose...

Their heads
were warm
on my
shoulders...



...and
smelled
the
scent of
seawater.

A Tropical Fish
Yearns for Snow







...lied
to
Dad.

I...



...I told
myself I
wasn't
lonely...

...but
...



After
I first
got
here...

DAD,
THE TRUTH IS I
WAS LONELY.

I wanted
to be
with
someone.

...I
actually
wanted
company.

DADI

T

Y



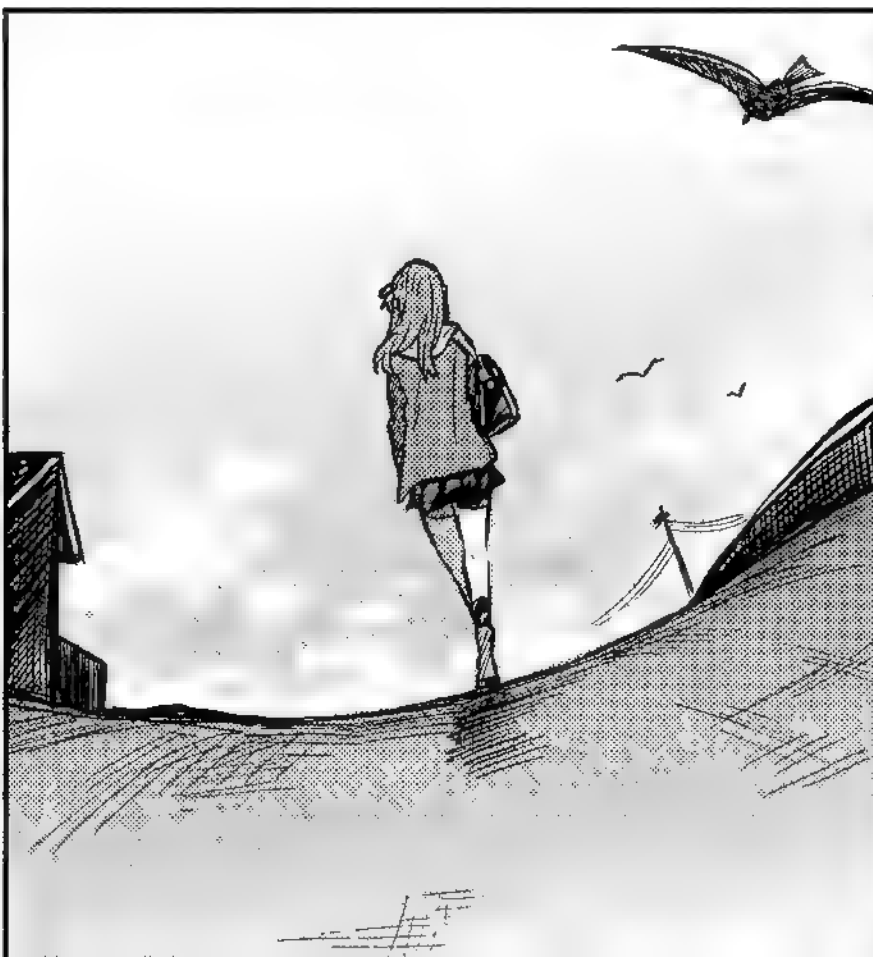
No...

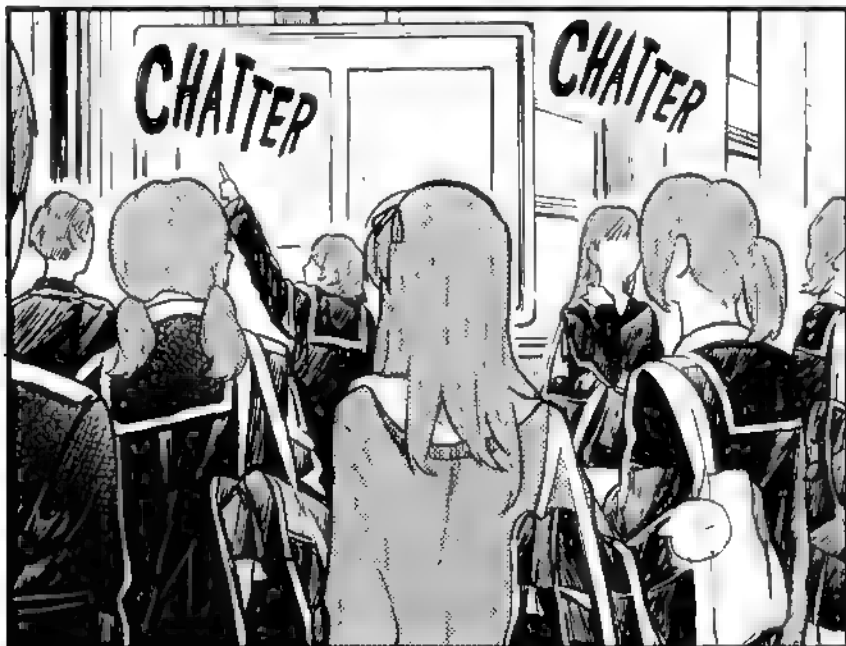
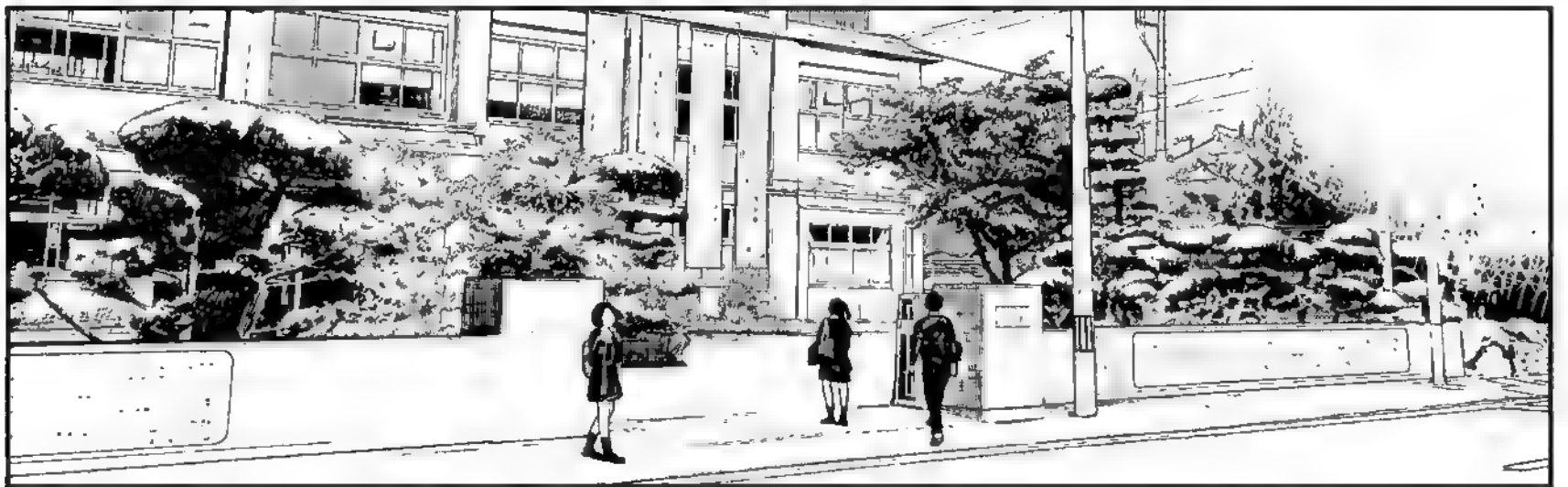
"Some-
one"?

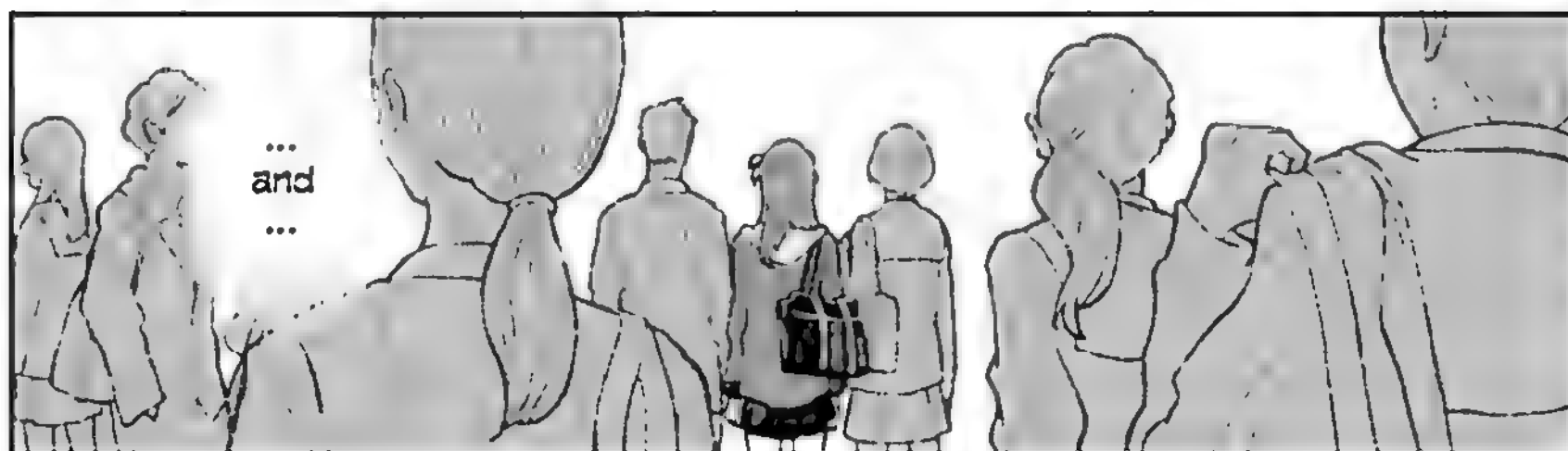
Like a frog
approaching
a lonely
salamander...

...I wanted
to be by
YOUR side.

"BUT
FOR
WHOSE
SAKE?"

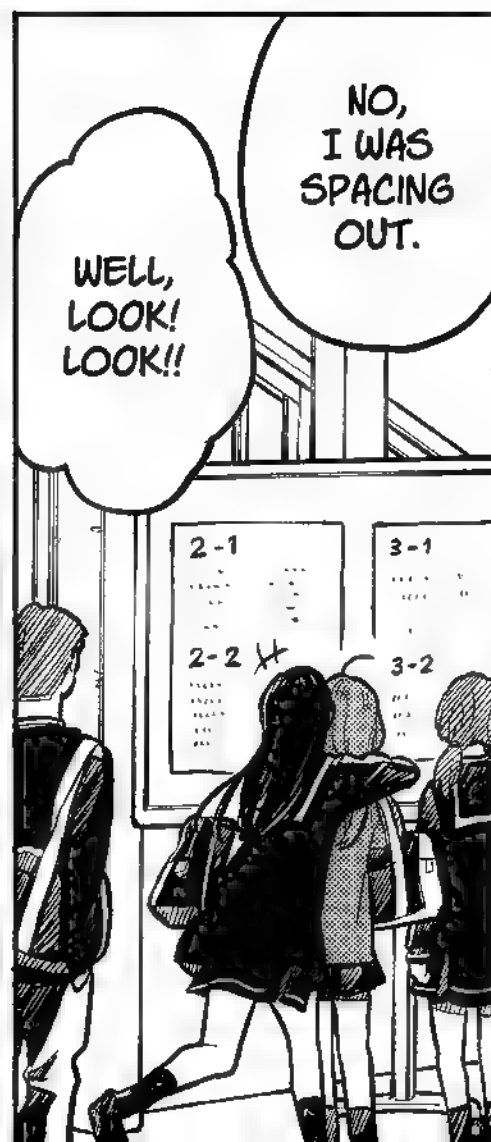








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1 . AMANO, KONATSU	10 . HIROSE, KAEDE
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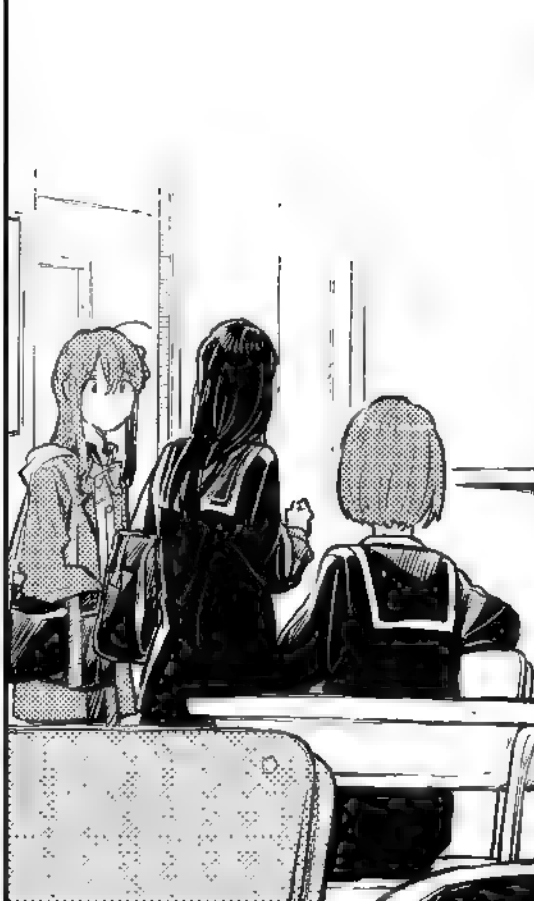






YES,
THAT'S
RIGHT.

!



RIGHT,
KONATSU
?!



HEE
HEE!



...BUT KAEDE
HELPED
ME HAVE A
GOOD TIME...

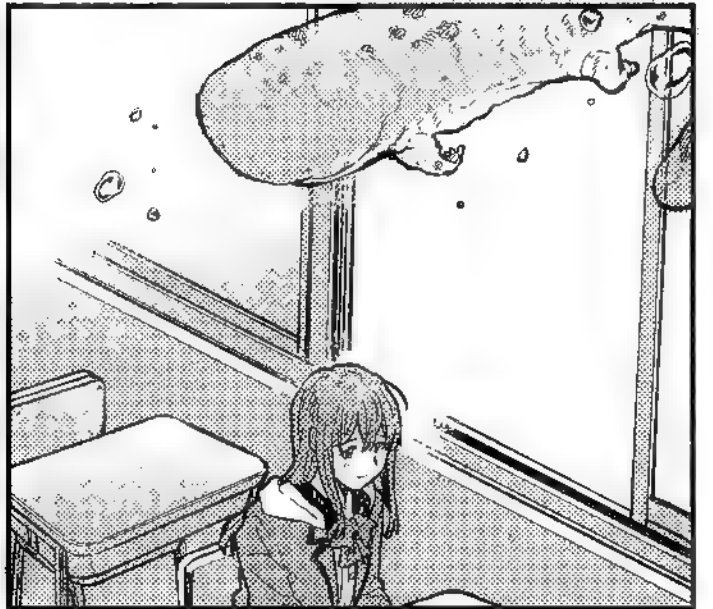
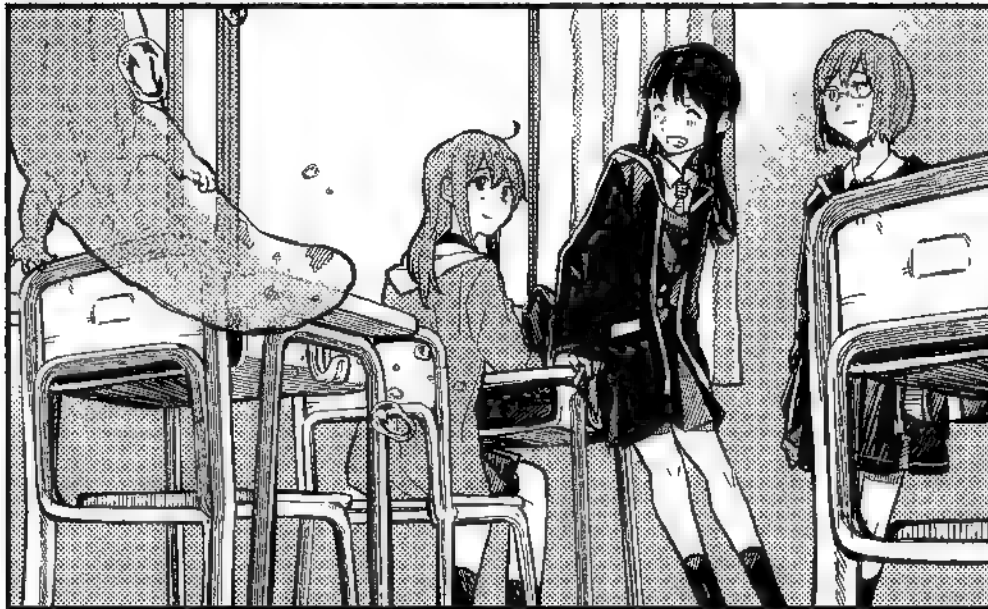
...SO I'M
HAPPY WE'RE
TOGETHER
AGAIN.



I WAS
SO NERVOUS
WHEN I MOVED
HERE LAST
YEAR...











AND MAYBE
GET OUT THE
SALAMANDER
COSTUME!

SO...
...I'LL GO
PHOTOCOPY
LAST YEAR'S
FLYERS.



I COULD
HAVE PUT
FORTH
MORE
EFFORT.

I FEEL
BAD
ABOUT
LAST
YEAR.

YES.

YOU
SOUND
ENTHU-
SIASTIC
TOO.



FOR YOUR
SAKE TOO,
AMANO.

SO
THIS YEAR,
I'M GOING
TO TRY
HARDER.



SOMETIME
BEFORE
GRADUATION

...

...KOYUKI
WILL HAVE
TO QUIT
THE CLUB.



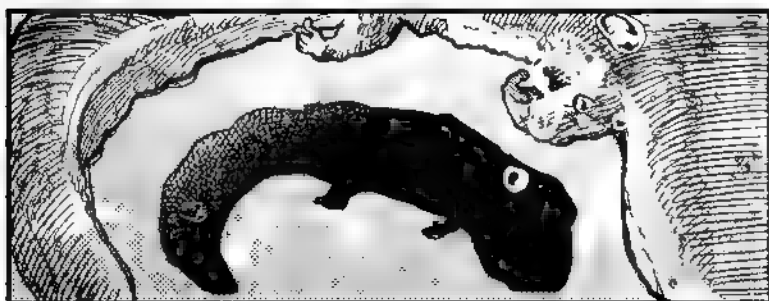
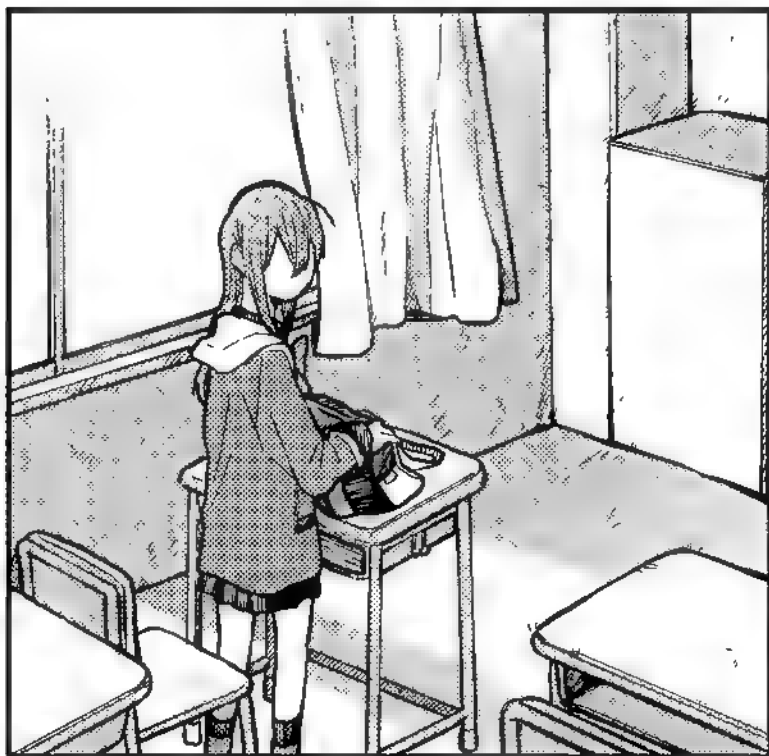
IF WE
DON'T GAIN
ANY NEW
MEMBERS

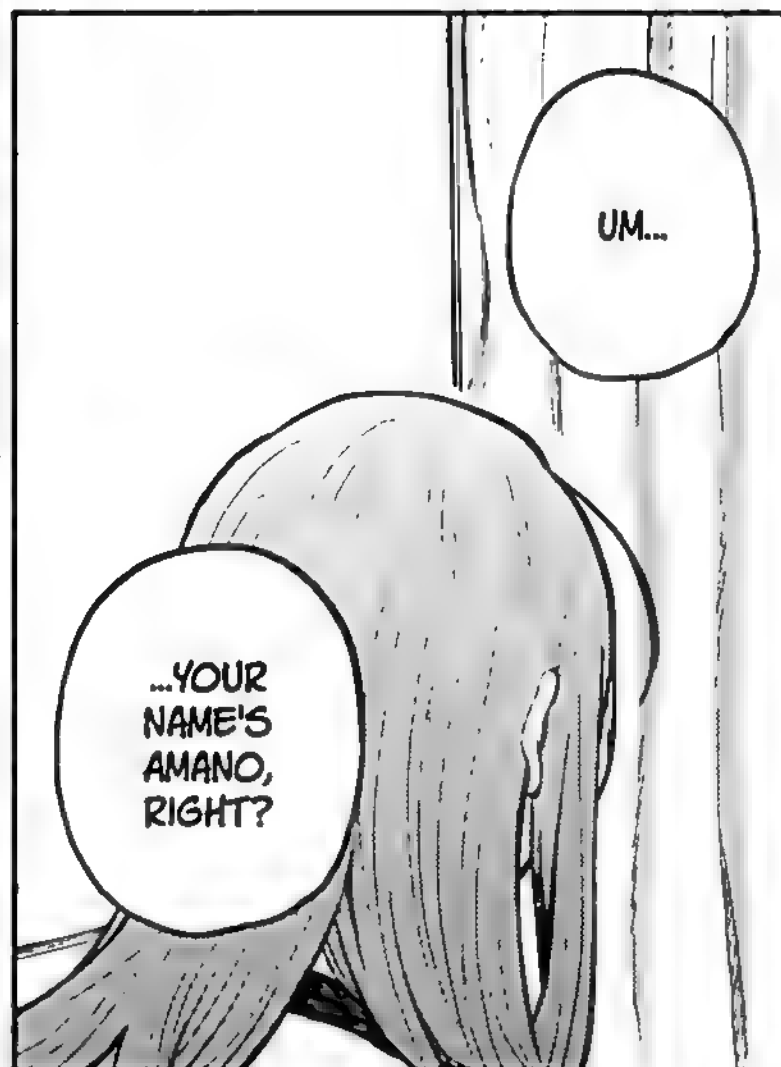
...

...YOU'LL
HAVE A HARD
TIME DOING
EVERYTHING
YOURSELF...

...AND
YOU'LL BE
LONELY.



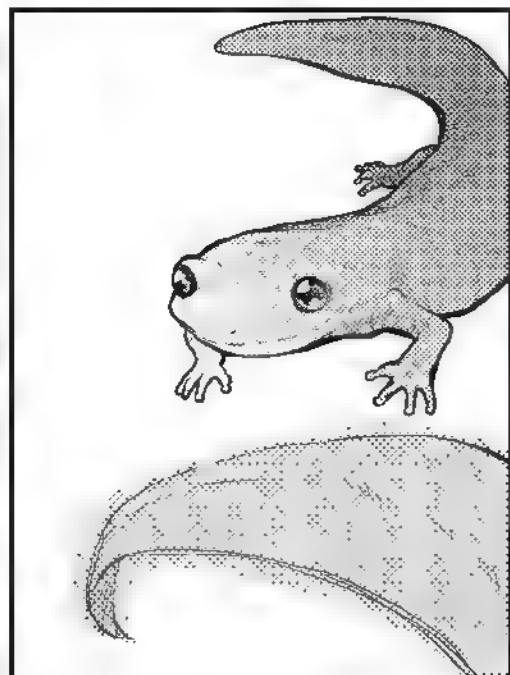
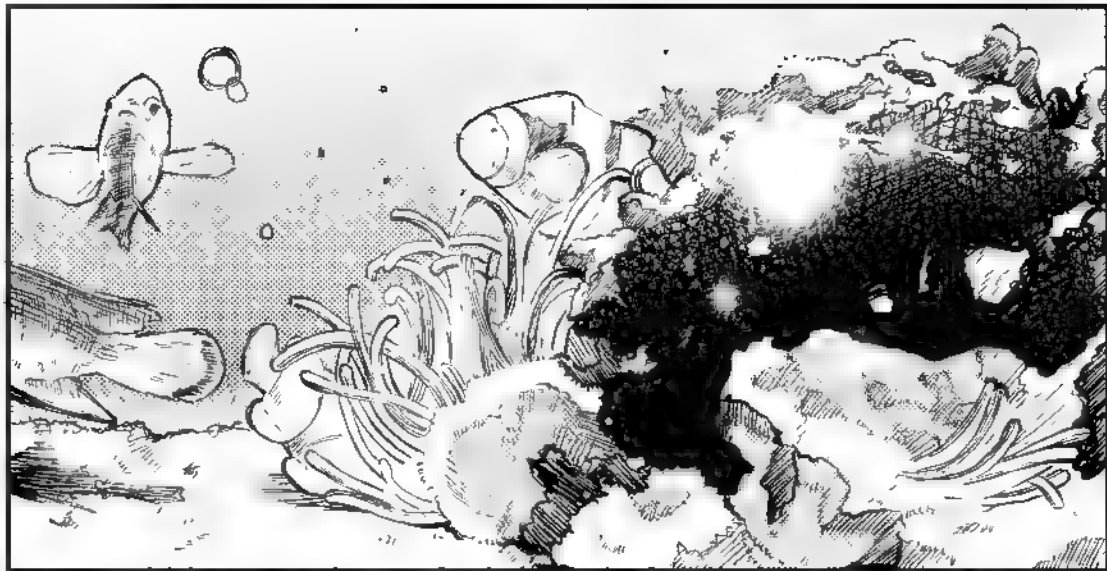






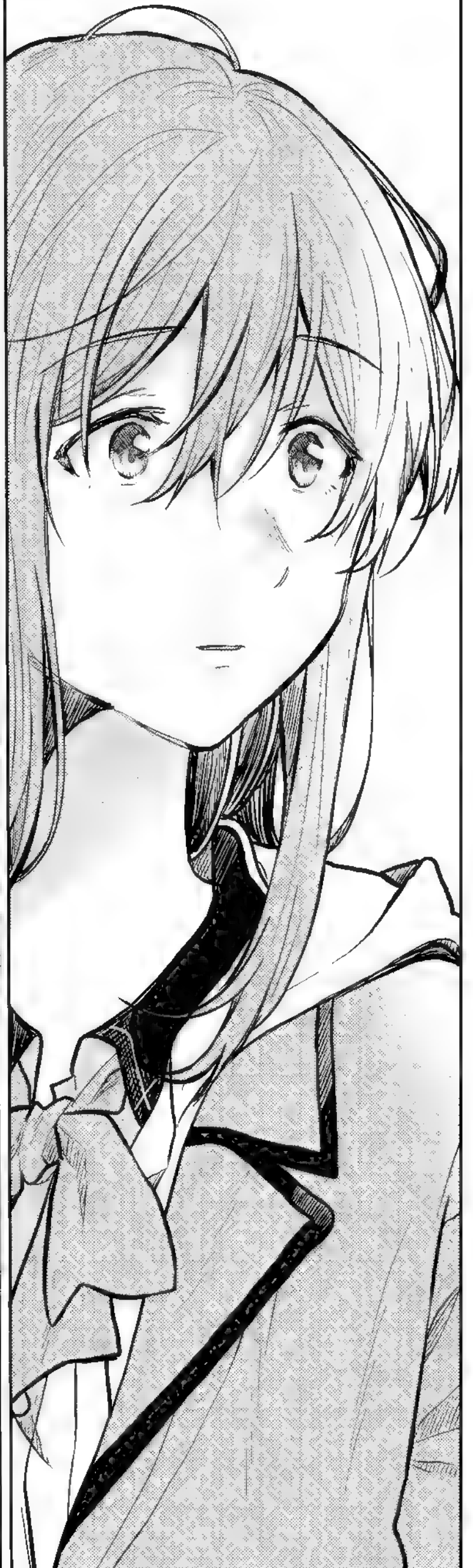
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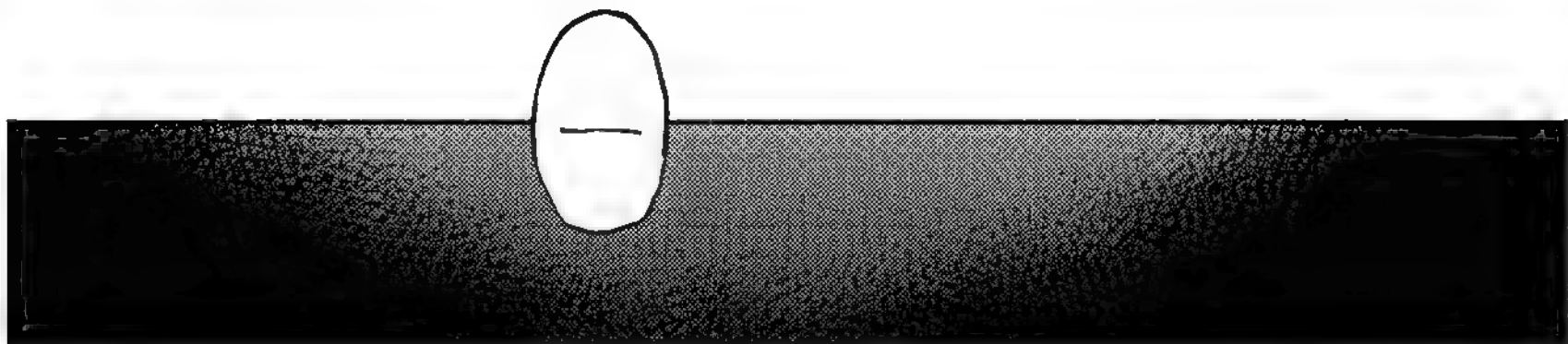
"AND AFTER
KOYUKI
GRADUATES..."



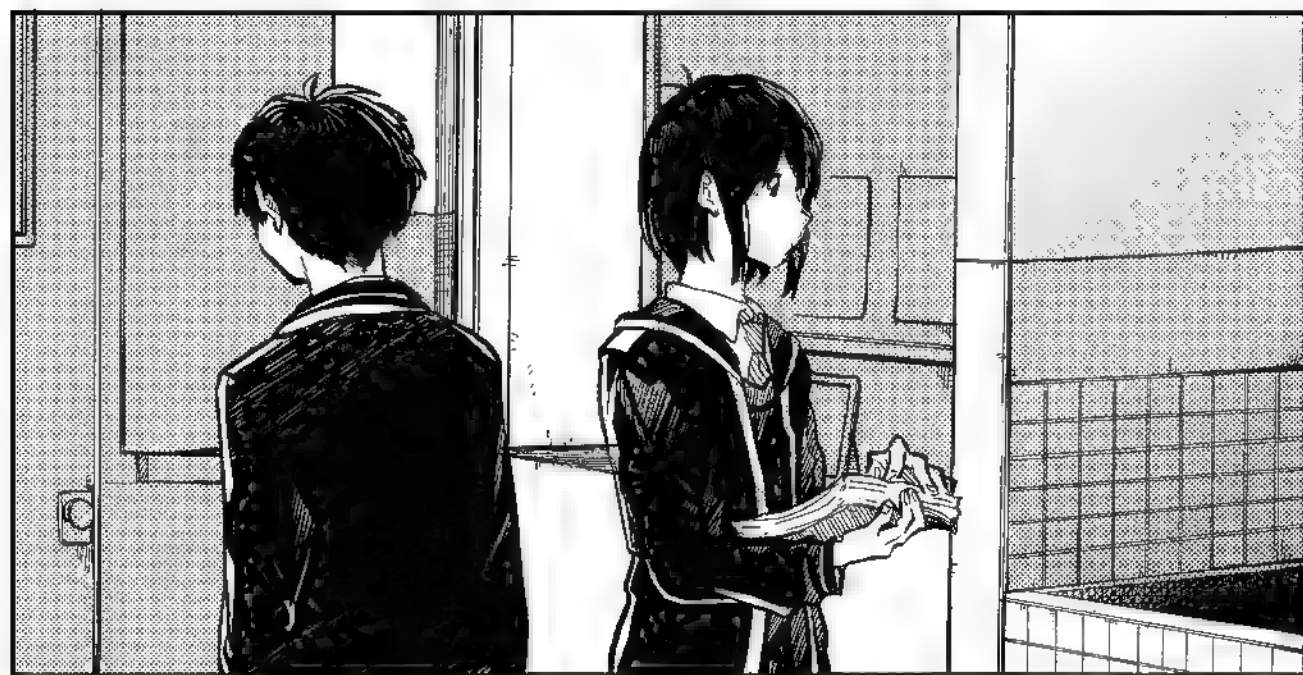
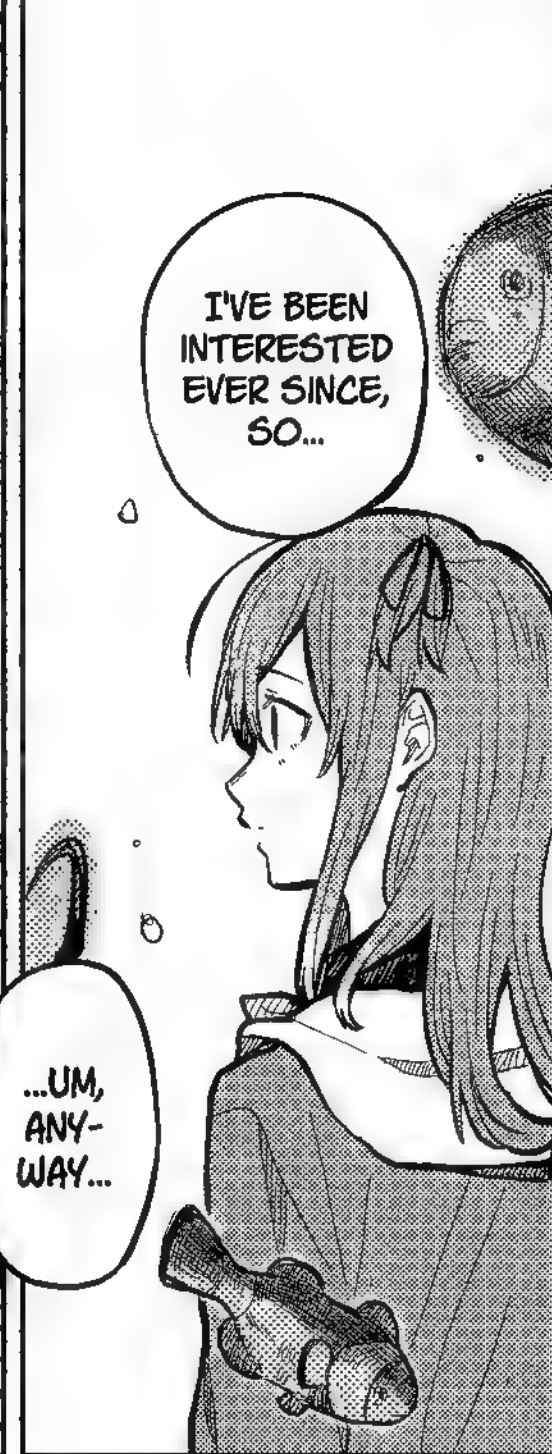


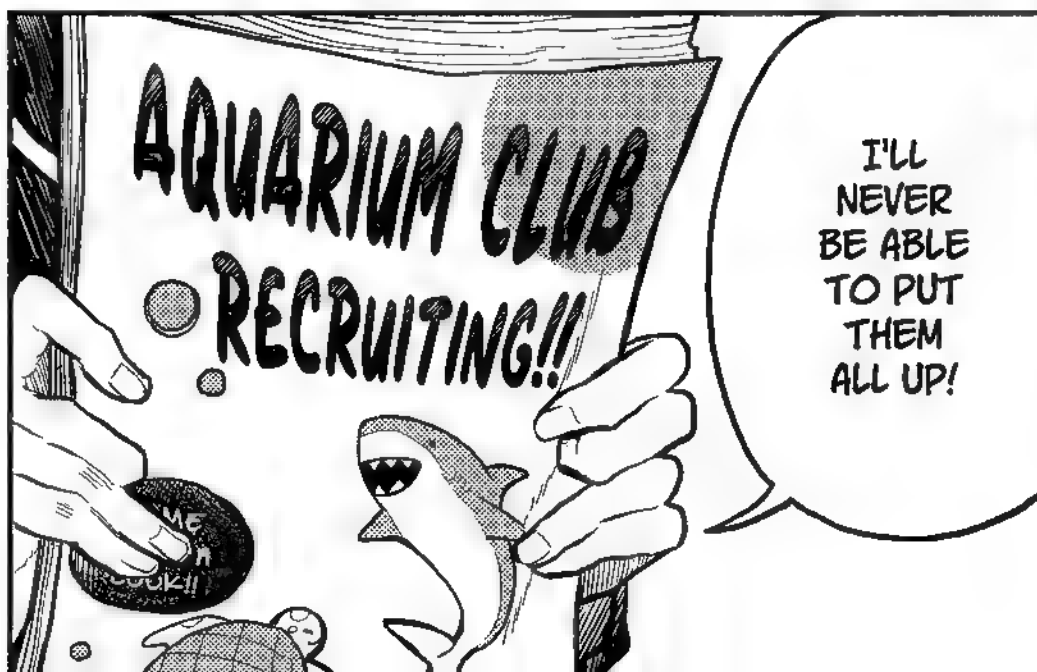
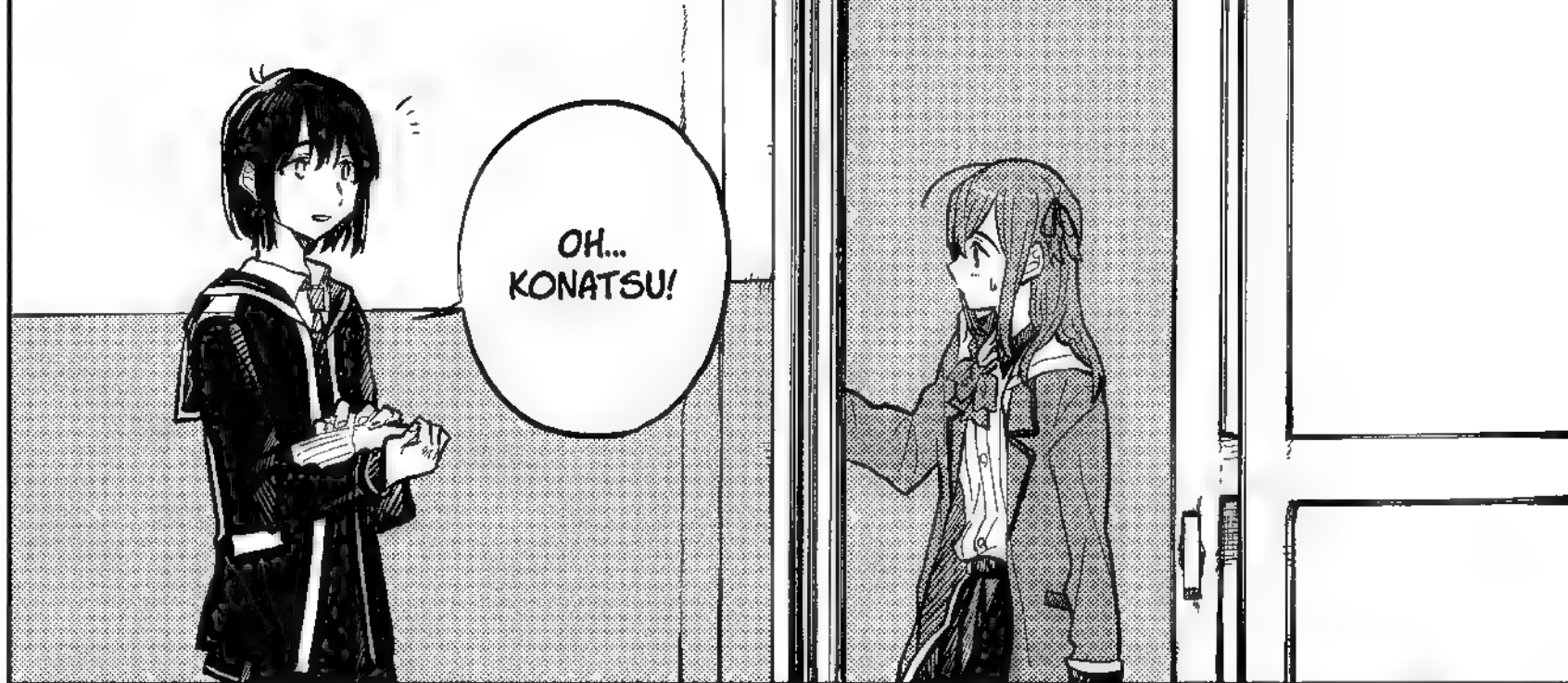
What
if I'm not
alone but
I'm still
lonely?









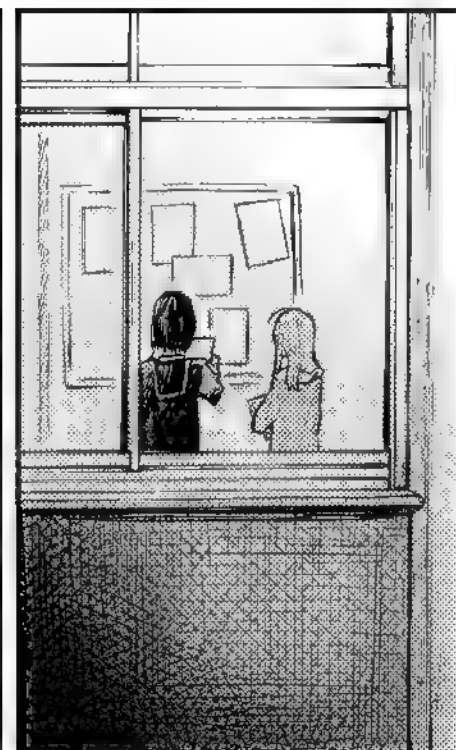




HE'S
BEING
PUSHY,
SO...

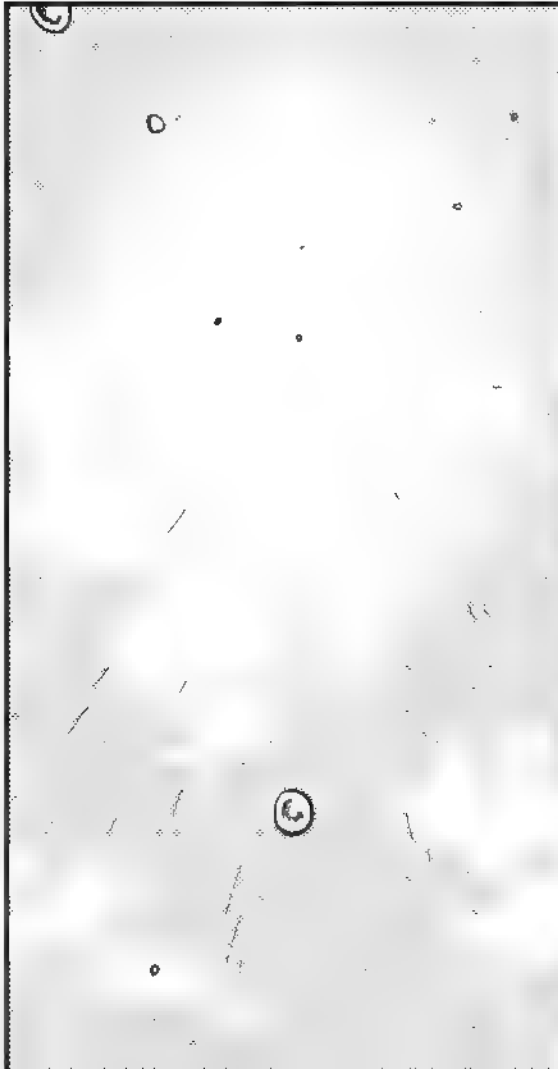
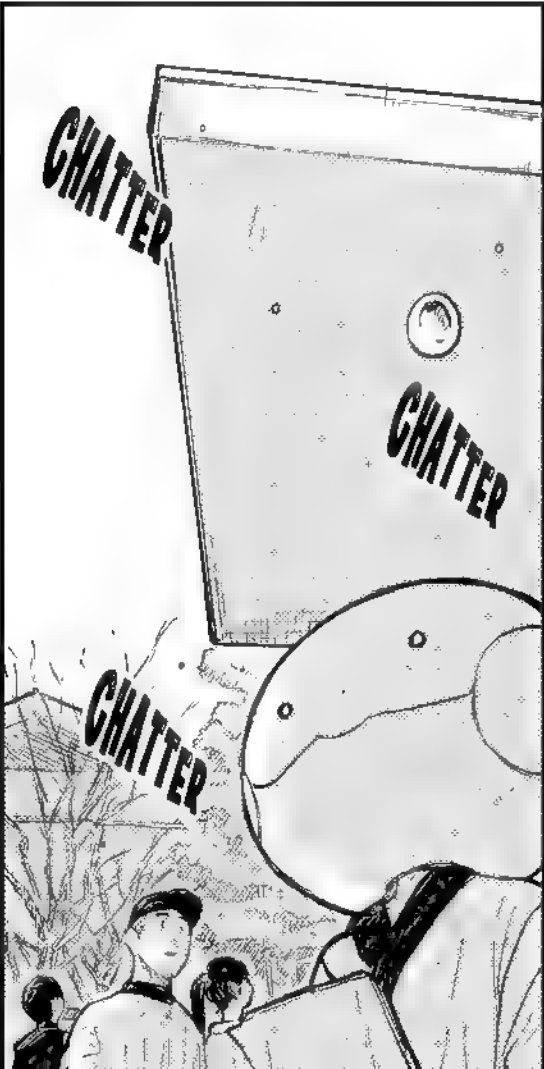
...I
HOPE HE
DOESN'T
DRIVE
PEOPLE
AWAY.

DAD EVEN
PUT ON THAT
COSTUME TO
HAND OUT
FLYERS.

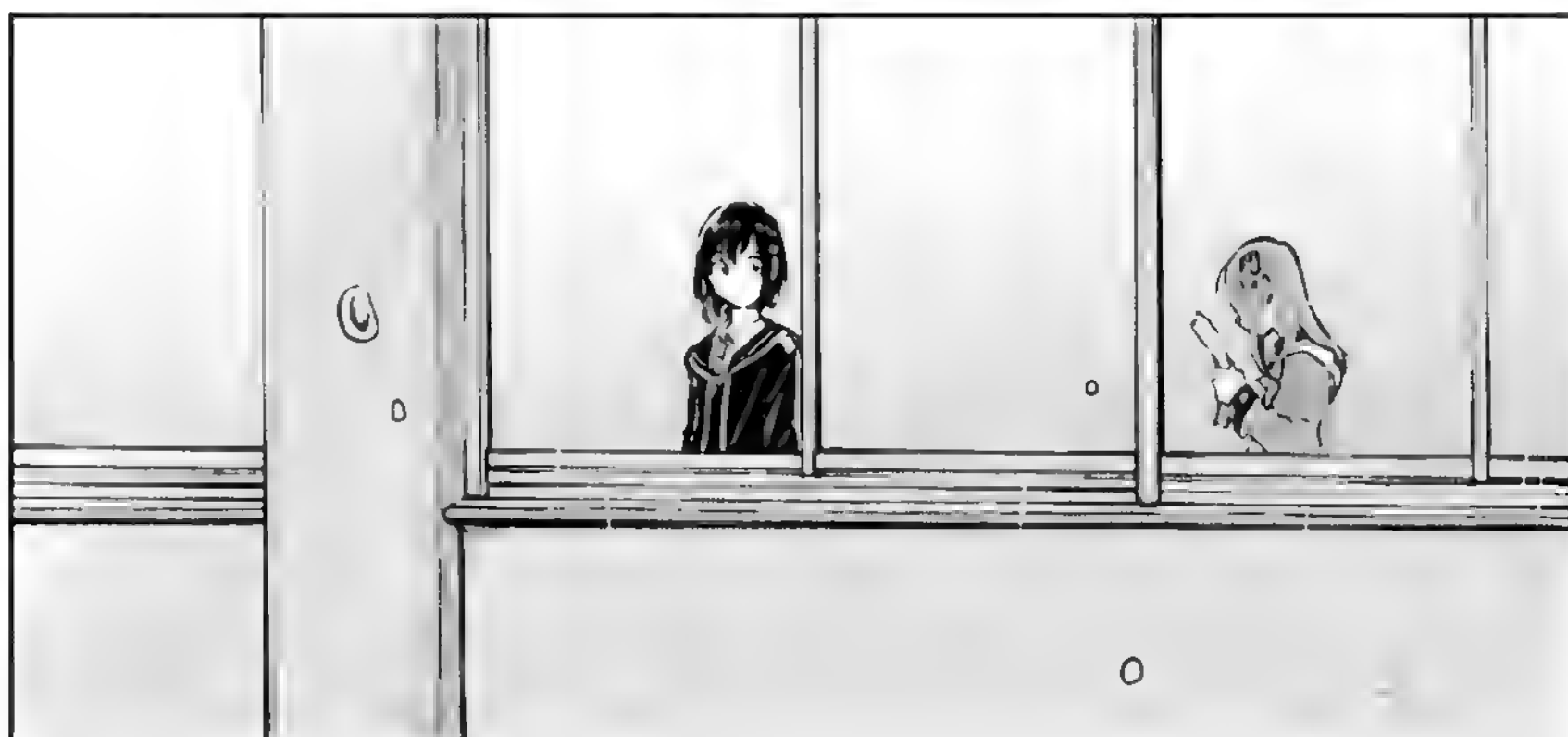


IF NO ONE
JOINS, IT WILL
ALL BE FOR
NOTHING.











WHY?
BECAUSE I
WON'T BE
ALONE?





...that
isn't
right!!!



No...

...that Honami
is going
to change...

...and find
someone
else.

I need
to
accept...

And
that's
not all.

No matter
what I do,
I can't
stop her.

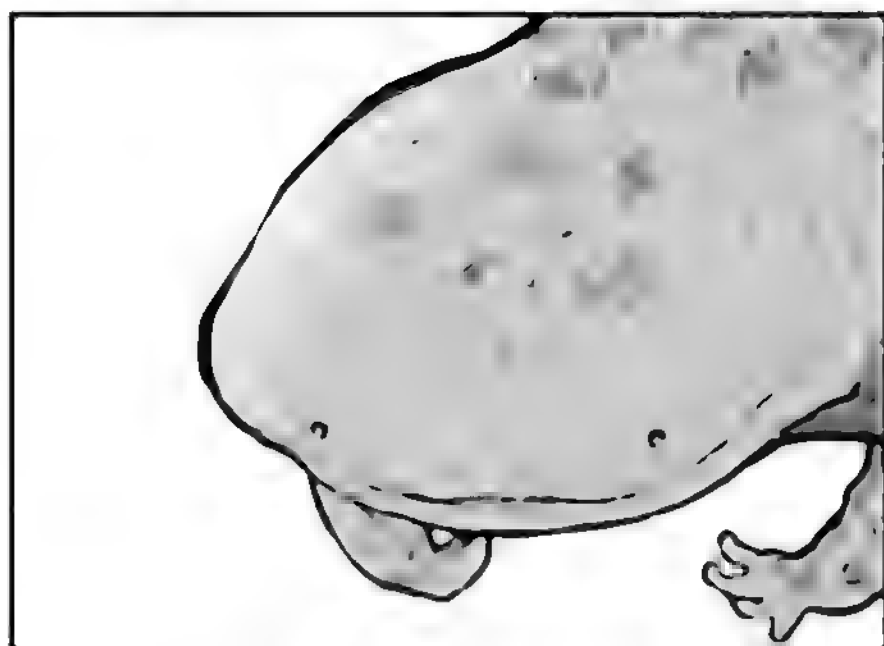




The
moment
...

...is
coming
when we
must...





I may not
be alone
anymore...

...but
...

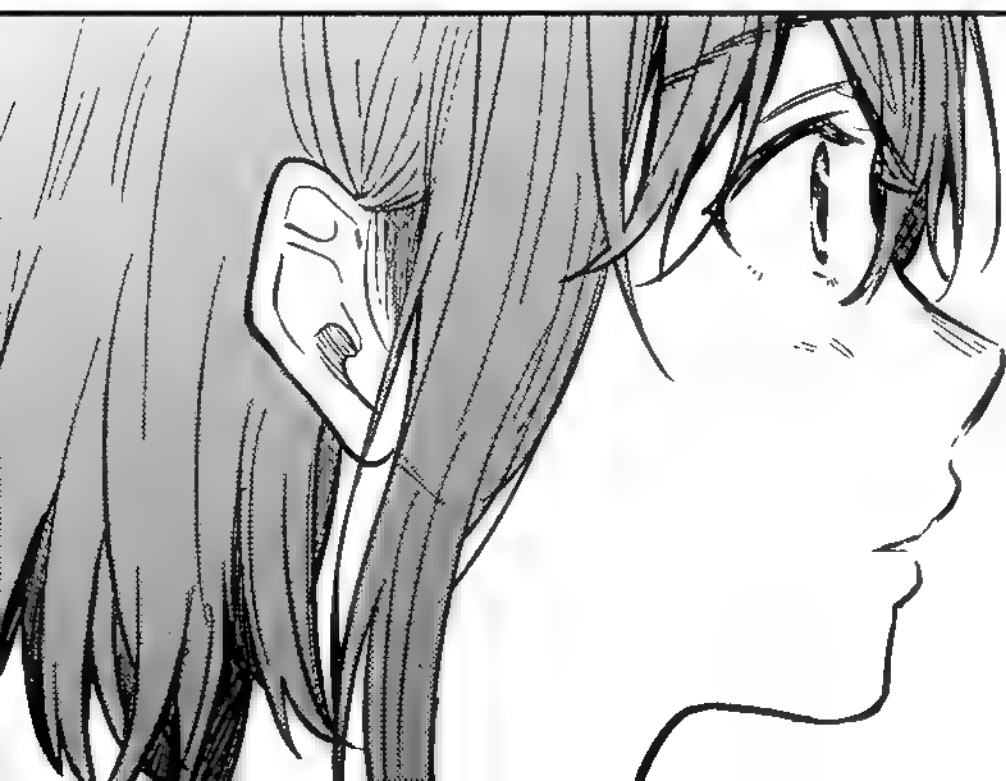


...say
goodbye.



...without
you...

...I...





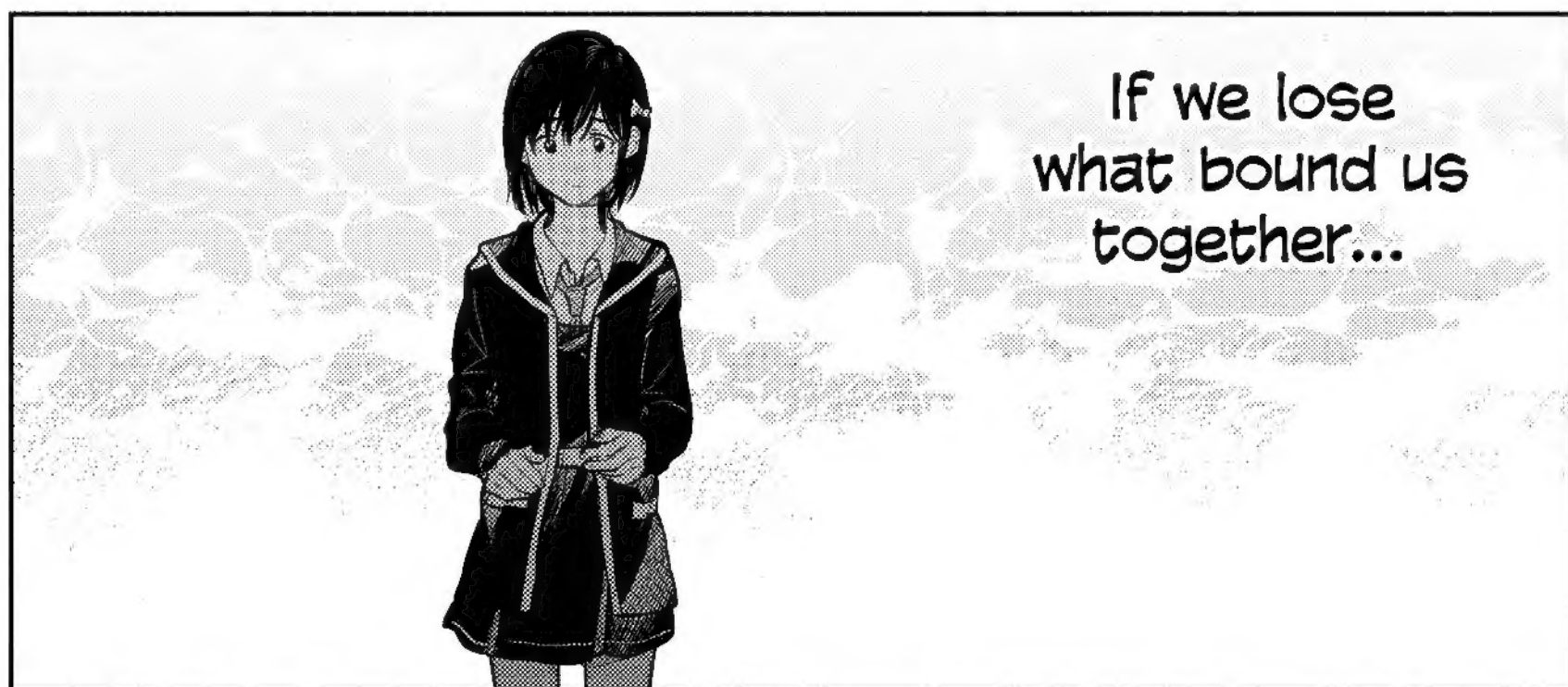
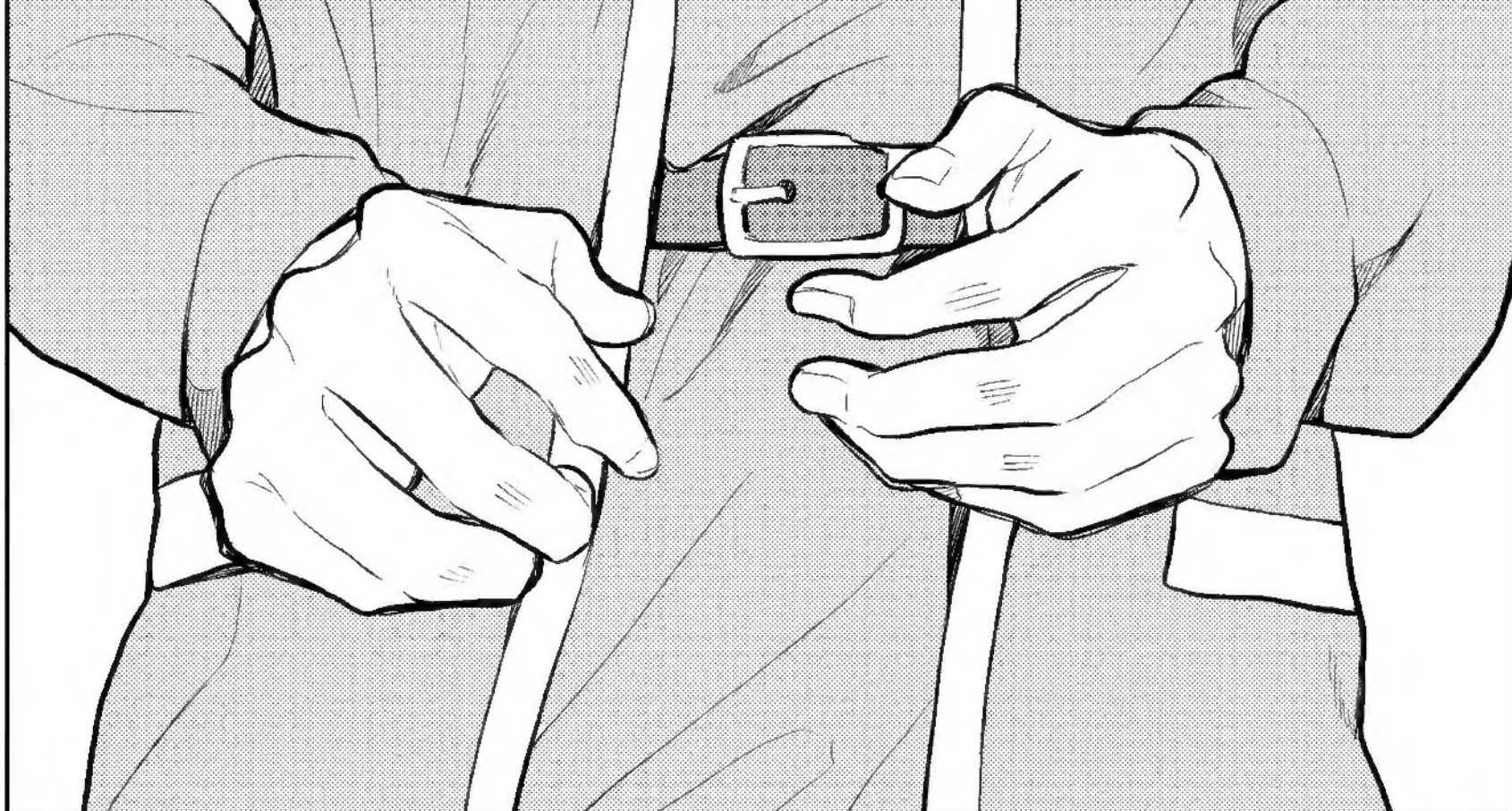
YOU'RE
SO
DUMB,
KOYUKI!



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